

CITY OF MOBILE
ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

Minutes of the Meeting
January 22, 2007

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chair, Bunky Ralph.

Aileen de la Torre, MHDC Staff, called the roll as follows:

Members Present: Tilmon Brown, Harris Oswalt, Cameron Pfeiffer, Bunky Ralph, Joe Sackett, David Tharp, Jim Wagoner.

Members Absent: Robert Brown, Douglas Kearley.

Staff Members Present: Aileen de la Torre, Anne Crutcher, Devereaux Bemis, John Lawler.

<u>In Attendance</u>	<u>Mailing Address</u>	<u>Item Number</u>
David Coppock	69 N. Monterey	001-07-CA
Jeff Whyte, Decra Roofing	P.O. Box 741, Marianna FL 32447	003-07-CA
Kenneth Urbahns, Roof Design Ctr,	1312 w I-65 Service Rd, 36609	003-07-CA
Elyse Marley	Museum of Mobile	005-07-CA
Don Williams, Engineer		118-06-CA
Sharman Egan	109 Chatham St.	003-07-CA
K.K. & Linda Barrett	226 Gen Canby Loop, Spanish Fort, AL 36527	118-06-CA

David Tharp moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting as emailed with the following amendment from Devereaux Bemis: Under Other business: regarding design guidelines: "However, it is staff's intention to distribute them to as many people as possible before adoption. If it is determined that a public hearing is needed, then one will be called." The motion was seconded by Harris Oswalt and unanimously approved.

Harris Oswalt moved to approve the mid-month Certificates of Appropriateness. The motion was seconded by Jim Wagoner and unanimously approved.

MID-MONTH APPROVALS

- Applicant's Name:** Clarke Investments LLC
Property Address: 1721 Dauphin Street
Date of Approval: December 28, 2006
Replace rotten wood as necessary with new materials to match existing in dimension and profile.
Reglaze windows. Repaint house in the following Valspar American Traditions color scheme:

 - Body – December Starlight, 7003-7
 - Trim – Safari Beige, 6006-2B
 - Porch/Lattice – Lincoln Cottage Black, 4009-2
- Applicant's Name:** The Man That Can
Property Address: 276 Dauphin Street
Date of Approval: December 28, 2006
Repair/replace stucco with materials to match existing. Repaint with the existing color scheme.
- Applicant's Name:** Mary Wallace
Property Address: 1122 Palmetto Street
Date of Approval: December 29, 2006
Repair/replace rotted wood on exterior with materials to match existing. Paint to match existing.
- Applicant's Name:** Donald Briskman
Property Address: 205 Church Street

Date of Approval: December 29, 2006

Replace rotten wood as necessary with materials to match existing in profile and dimension.

Repaint in existing color scheme:

- Body – BLP Dubarry
- Trim – White
- Cast Iron – Gray
- Shutters – Dark Green

- Applicant's Name:** City of Mobile Public Library/Holmes & Holmes, Architects
Property Address: 701 Government Street
Date of Approval: January 2, 2007
Modify approved work to include addition of anodized metal dark bronze or black storm windows on west elevation with indicated muntin pattern. Window will not project beyond the building face.
- Applicant's Name:** Luther Hadley
Property Address: 359 Marine Street
Date of Approval: January 3, 2007
Repair/replace rotted wood as necessary with materials to match existing. Reclad roof with materials to match existing in color, profile and dimension. Paint with the existing color scheme.
- Applicant's Name:** Pres McKinley
Property Address: 52 North Ann Street
Date of Approval: January 3, 2007
Replace rotten wood as necessary with new materials to match existing. Paint in existing colors:
 - Body – BLP Palmetto Street Bronze
 - Trim – Oakleigh Place Ivory
- Applicant's Name:** Galvez Company LLC
Property Address: 153 Dauphin Street
Date of Approval: January 3, 2007
Repaint trim on building to match existing color scheme.
- Applicant's Name:** Dr. and Mrs. Frank Hall
Property Address: 159 Levert Avenue
Date of Approval: January 4, 2007
Repaint exterior to match existing color scheme.
- Applicant's Name:** Professional Remodeling/Repairs
Property Address: 359 Church Street
Date of Approval: January 4, 2007
Repair/replace glass windows and wood sills as necessary with materials to match existing in material, profile and dimension. Reglaze windows. Paint to match existing colors.
- Applicant's Name:** Carl Thrash
Property Address: 460 Chatham Street
Date of Approval: January 5, 2007
Repair rotten wood with new wood to match existing in dimension and profile. Prep to paint. Color scheme to be submitted to MHDC prior to painting.
- Applicant's Name:** Carl Thrash
Property Address: 360 Chatham Street
Date of Approval: January 5, 2007

(THIS COA REPLACES COA DATED MAY 6, 2004.) Repair/replace rotten wood with wood to match existing in dimension and profile. Install wood front porch railing (MHDC stock design 1) and pipe stair rail. Paint exterior in the following Sherwin-Williams colors:

- Body – Rookwood Blue Green, SW 2811
- Trim – Classical White
- Deck and foundation infill – Battleship Gray
- Railing – Black

13. **Applicant's Name:** Montdrakgo Caldwell

Property Address: 967 Elmira Street

Date of Approval: January 8, 2007

Repair/replace all rotten wood as necessary to include siding, window casings, porch and steps with materials to match existing in profile and dimension. Repair/replace rotten wood exterior doors to match existing in materials, detail, profile and dimension. Install new 2/2 wood windows with true divided lights. Install new roof using architectural grade black or dark brown shingles. Paint exterior (colors to be submitted at a later date). Install 3' wood picket fence around property.

14. **Applicant's Name:** Harris Painting

Property Address: 164 Houston Street

Date of Approval: January 9, 2007

Repaint exterior in the following ICI Paints color scheme:

- Body and Trim – White
- Accents – Bicentennial, 30GG 22/079

NOTICES OF VIOLATION and MUNICIPAL OFFENSE TICKETS

No NoVs or MoTs were written during this time period.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **118-06-CA:**201 North Jackson Street

Applicant: Bar Pilots Association/Don Williams

Request: Construct a two-story, commercial, brick building (1200 SF per floor) with a parking lot for twelve vehicles.

APPROVED. Certified Record attached.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **001-07-CA:**69 North Monterey Street

Applicant: David Coppock

Request: Construct carport/storage shed.

APPROVED CONSTRUCTION OF SHED. DENIED DRIVE. Certified Record attached.

2. **002-07-CA:**253 State Street

Applicant: Donlon Investment Corp.

Request: Install deck rail.

APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. Certified Record attached.

3. **003-07-CA:**109 Chatham Street

Applicant: Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Egan

Request: Replace Ludowici tiles with Decra stone-coated metal tiles.

TABLED. Certified Record attached.

4. **004-07-CA:202** State Street
Applicant: Wanda Cochran
Request: Enlarge bedroom into enclosed porch.

APPROVED. Certified Record attached.

5. **005-07-CA:111** South Royal Street
Applicant: Museum of Mobile/Museum Board Inc.
Request: Install a temporary banner sign.

APPROVED. Certified Record attached.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:15p.m.

**APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS
CERTIFIED RECORD**

118-06-CA: 201 North Jackson Street
Applicant: Bar Pilots Association/Don Williams
Received: 10/31/06 (+45 Days: 12/15/06)
Meeting: 11/13/06
Resubmitted: 01/05/07 (+45 days: 02/19/07)
Meeting: 01/22/07

INTRODUCTION TO THE APPLICATION

Historic District: DeTonti Square
Classification: Non-Contributing
Zoning: R-B
Project: This is a re-submittal of the original construction plan to build a two-story, commercial, brick building (1200 SF per floor) with a parking lot for twelve vehicles.

BUILDING HISTORY

This is currently an empty lot that formerly had a number of residences.

STANDARD OF REVIEW

Section 9 of the Historic Preservation Ordinance states that “the Board shall not approve any application proposing a Material Change in Appearance unless it finds that the proposed change...will not materially impair the architectural or historic value of the building, the buildings on adjacent sites or in the immediate vicinity, or the general visual character of the historic district...”

STAFF REPORT

- A. This application was originally tabled to allow the client to meet with a Design Review Subcommittee.
- B. The Subcommittee recommended several changes to the building design (please see attached minutes).
- C. The Subcommittee recommended several site and parking changes (please see attached minutes).
- D. Since the original application, staff has received phone calls from DeTonti Square neighbors who are concerned about the proposed use of the building; staff is aware of the covenants placed on the property.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of Item B if the applicant has sufficiently addressed the building design concerns of the Board. Additionally, staff recommends approval of Item C if the applicant has sufficiently addressed the site and parking concerns of the Board.

Staff also recommends retaining and repairing those elements that conserve the historic integrity of the district, such as the cast-iron streetlights, trees and retaining wall. The applicant will need to receive additional approval from Right-of-Way and/or Urban Forestry for some of these issues. The applicant will also need to verify that the proposed construction and use fall within the covenants placed on the property by the previous owner.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Mr. and Mrs. Barrett and engineer Don Williams were present to discuss the application. Mr. Williams commented that he felt issues discussed at the Design Subcommittee had been addressed in the revised design. Centering windows and adding windows as well as reducing the amount of hard surface parking were items discussed at that meeting. Materials were called out in the original application including the fact that the shutters

would be wood and operable. Paint colors have not yet been selected, but that issue can be handled on a mid-month by Staff.

There was no one else to speak in favor of or in opposition to the application. Staff had no comments from the public or city departments to read into the record.

BOARD DISCUSSION

There was no Board discussion.

FINDING OF FACT

Tilmon Brown moved that, based upon the evidence presented in the application and during the public hearing, that the Board finds the facts in the Staff report. The motion was seconded by David Tharp and unanimously approved.

DECISION ON THE APPLICATION

Tilmon Brown moved that, based upon the facts found by the Board, that the application does not impair the historic integrity of the district according to the Guidelines and that a Certificate of Appropriateness be issued. The motion was seconded by Harris Oswald and unanimously approved.

Certificate of Appropriateness Expiration Date: 01/22/08.

**APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS
CERTIFIED RECORD**

001-07-CA: 69 North Monterey Street
Applicant: David Coppock
Received: 01/02/07 (+45 Days: 02/16/07)
Meeting: 01/22/07

INTRODUCTION TO THE APPLICATION

Historic District: Old Dauphin Way
Classification: Contributing
Zoning: R-1
Project: Construction of wood carport/storage structure and gravel/shell drive to match existing.

BUILDING HISTORY

This 1910 Craftsman was built by Kirk Wilson.

STANDARD OF REVIEW

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STAFF REPORT

- A. Currently, the driveway for this residence comes in from Old Shell Road. There is a rear two-story frame apartment, but no garage structure.
- B. The Design Review Guidelines state that accessory structures “shall be measured by the guidelines applicable to new construction [and] should complement the design and scale of the main building.”
- C. The proposed plan for the garage includes the following:
 - 1. Construct a One-Story Frame Carport/Storage Shed on the Property;
 - a. The structure will be sited on a sloped concrete slab per submitted plans.
 - b. The garage will be open on the east (North Monterey Street) and west sides.
 - c. The storage portion of the structure will face north (Old Shell Road).
 - d. The siding will be hardiplank with smooth siding to match the existing weatherboard with some MARC privacy lattice on the south elevation. The gables will be finished with stucco.
 - e. The roof will be fiberglass/asphalt shingles to match the existing roof.
 - f. The structure will incorporate features of the main residence to include wood brackets, half-timbering, overhanging eaves, wood double-hung sash windows with true divided lights and bracketed columns.
 - 2. Install a New Gravel/Shell Drive.
 - g. A curb will be cut from Old Shell (the existing drive will remain) per submitted plans.
 - h. Some landscaping will be done including removing trees and filling-in the pond.

RECOMMENDATION

Based on the information submitted in the proposal, staff feels that the plan for the structure will not negatively affect the integrity of the building or the district. Architecturally, it will match the existing residence. It is sited in the middle of the existing apartment, the main residence and heavy landscaping, which will minimize any impact. Staff, however, feels the new curb cut and driveway will have an adverse impact on both the residence and the

district. The proposed drive will cut significantly into the existing lawn, which will impact some of the residential character of the lot. Staff believes that the existing gravel/shell drive should suffice. Staff recommends approval of Item C1 denial of Item C2.

The applicant will need to make sure that the proposal will not exceed the maximum buildable area of the lot. The applicant will also need to contact Urban Forestry regarding the removal of trees and Traffic Engineering about the curb cut.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

David Coppock was present to discuss the application. He explained that he has attempted to match the carport to the house. The proposed drive would help alleviate two problems: 1) Old Shell Road is a busy street and visibility at that location is poor making it very dangerous to back out into the street. There are other examples of circular drives in the area such as the drive at Jeanelle Cala's house on Catherine and Fearnway. 2) Because of the planted median at Old Shell and N. Monterey, it is not feasible to park in front of the house making parking a real issue with this house. He thought about widening the existing drive, but there is a fire hydrant that prevents that solution. He has not applied for an additional curb cut.

In response to Board questions, because of where the tenant parks, Mr. Coppock explained that there is often not room to turn around in the existing drive in order to enter Old Shell face forward. Constructing a turn around at the east end of the carport does not seem practical or feasible for a turn around.

Board members explained that the addition of the proposed drive will be the same as creating a circular drive. Circular drives become parking lots and are discouraged by the Design Guidelines. The Board encouraged Mr. Coppock to find another solution.

The applicant explained that fencing will be proposed in a separate application to the Board.

There was no one else to speak in favor of or in opposition to the application.

Staff had no comments from the public or city departments to read into the record.

BOARD DISCUSSION

The Board cautioned the applicant to find out if he constructing the carport will exceed the buildable area requirements of the lot.

FINDING OF FACT

Jim Wagoner moved that, based upon the evidence presented in the application and during the public hearing, that the Board finds the facts in the Staff report. The motion was seconded by Cameron Pfeiffer and unanimously approved.

DECISION ON THE APPLICATION

Jim Wagoner moved that, based upon the facts found by the Board, that the application does not impair the historic integrity of the structure or the district according to the Guidelines. The motion was seconded by David Tharp and failed on a 2 to 5 vote.

Harris Oswald moved that, based upon the facts found by the Board, that the carport does not impair the historic integrity of the structure and the district according to the Guidelines; on the other hand, the drive does impair the historic integrity of the structure and the district and should be denied. The motion was second by Tilmon Brown and passed with David Tharp voting in opposition.

Harris Oswald moved to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness for the carport. The motion was seconded by Cameron Pfeiffer and unanimously approved.

Certificate of Appropriateness Expiration Date: 01/22/08.

**APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS
CERTIFIED RECORD**

002-07-CA: 253 State Street
Applicant: Donlon Investment Corp.
Received: 01/05/07 (+45 Days: 02/19/07)
Meeting: 01/22/07

INTRODUCTION TO THE APPLICATION

Historic District: DeTonti Square
Classification: Contributing
Zoning: RB
Project: Install rail on new deck at the rear of the building.

BUILDING HISTORY

In 1873, Franklin McCoy built the brick Italianate residence at 253 State Street. It retains many of the elements that make it an elegant and distinctive building in the DeTonti Square Historic District, including the cast iron detailing on the façade. After having been neglected for many years, it is currently being restored.

STANDARD OF REVIEW

Section 9 of the Historic Preservation Ordinance states that “the Board shall not approve any application proposing a Material Change in Appearance unless it finds that the proposed change...will not materially impair the architectural or historic value of the building, the buildings on adjacent sites or in the immediate vicinity, or the general visual character of the historic district...”

STAFF REPORT

- A. Currently, the McCoy House is in the final stages of major restoration project, which includes a new deck in the east side courtyard. The proposed rail to be added to the deck has been partially completed.
- B. The Design Review Guidelines state that new additions “shall not destroy historic materials that characterize the property. The new work shall be...compatible with the massing, size, scale and architectural features to protect the historic integrity of the property and its environment.”
- C. The plan for the deck rail proposes to install a wood rail per the submitted plans.

RECOMMENDATION

Based on the information contained in the application the proposed work does not impair the historic integrity of the building or the district. The rail is being added to a non-historic element of the building; it is also hidden from view. Staff recommends approval of the application.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Neither the applicant nor his representative was present to discuss the application. There was no one else to speak in favor of or in opposition to the application. Staff had no comments from the public or city departments to read into the record but noted that the railing was under construction.

BOARD DISCUSSION

Board members were concerned about whether the railing met city code requirements and wanted Staff to caution the applicant about the potential problem.

FINDING OF FACT

Harris Oswalt moved that, based upon the evidence presented in the application and during the public hearing, that the Board finds the facts in the Staff report with the following amendment: “D. The railing shall meet city code.” The motion was seconded by David Tharp and unanimously approved.

DECISION ON THE APPLICATION

Tilmon Brown moved that, based upon the facts found by the Board, that the application does not impair the historic integrity of the structure or the district according to the Guidelines and that a Certificate of Appropriateness be issued cautioning the owner that the railing may not meet current city building codes. The motion was seconded by Harris Oswalt and unanimously approved.

Certificate of Appropriateness Expiration Date: 01/22/08.

**APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS
CERTIFIED RECORD**

003-07-CA: 109 Chatham Street
Applicant: Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Egan
Received: 01/06/07 (+45 Days: 02/20/07)
Meeting: 01/22/07

INTRODUCTION TO THE APPLICATION

Historic District: Oakleigh Garden
Classification: Contributing
Zoning: R-1
Project: Replace Ludowici clay tiles on roof with Decra stone-coated metal tiles.

BUILDING HISTORY

This two-story masonry Craftsman/Mediterranean Revival was built circa 1908 by architect George Rogers.

STANDARD OF REVIEW

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STAFF REPORT

- A. Currently, many of the Ludowici roof tiles on 109 Chatham are worn, chipped, broken or generally damaged. Also, the applicants have stated that the roof is leaking. There is a one-story extension at the rear (east) elevation with a dark-colored standing seam metal roof.
- B. The Design Review Guidelines state that a roof “is one of the most dominant features of a building [and] materials should be appropriate.”
- C. The proposed plan for the roof includes the following:
 - 1. Remove the existing roof system, including the Ludowici tiles and any leak barriers;
 - 2. Install a Decra stone-coated metal tile roof system with a color and profile similar to existing.

RECOMMENDATION

Rooflines and roof styles are a very distinctive feature of many buildings, particularly those with a defined style, such as Mediterranean Revival (this includes Italian, Spanish and some Exotic Revival varieties). Buildings such as this one with Mediterranean elements typically had terra cotta tile roofs, which were painted colors other than red on rare occasions.

Although the applicant intends on replacing the current tiles with Decra stone-coated metal tiles that look marginally similar to the original, staff remains guarded about approving the application as submitted. While many tiles are damaged, many appear sound. Staff recommends the applicant first get a roof assessment (if one has not already been done) to determine if a faulty or worn barrier is causing the leak. It is possible, and often more feasible, to replace worn barriers and damaged tiles with materials to match the existing in profile, color and dimension.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Mrs. Egan and representatives from Decra and the Roof Design Center were present to discuss the application. They presented additional photographs showing the installation of the Decra system on various structures.

Mrs. Egan explained that the roof had been leaking since August 1st. She had called Ludowici and the company had recommended a contractor from Mississippi. The contractor worked on the roof with a large crew and the leaking got worse. He worked on the roof on two more occasions and concluded that the roof could not be repaired, that it had been worked on too often and that there were mismatched tiles. There are not enough good tiles to salvage. She also expressed the desire to have a local contractor that would be available if any problems arose with the roof.

The owner reports that she obtained 4 estimates to replace the roof. It would be \$100,000 to install new Ludowici tile and about \$20,000 to install the Deca roof. She stated that the house would require 30 squares of roofing. Conventional asphalt shingles would cost approximately \$17,000.

Mr. Urbahns explained that there were gaps in the roof decking, but that with the Decra system, there would be no need to install new decking since the Deca roofing is installed on a batten system.

The Board stated that it wanted to help, that the roof was a significant feature of the house and every effort should be made to retain it. Staff will work with the applicant to see if there are any other solutions than replacement.

Contractors more familiar with the tile roofing can perhaps be located in Gulf Shores or in Pensacola.

There was no one else to speak in favor of or in opposition to the application.

Staff had no comments from the public or city departments to read into the record.

BOARD DISCUSSION

There was no Board discussion.

FINDING OF FACT

There was no finding of fact.

DECISION ON THE APPLICATION

Tilmon Brown moved that the application be tabled for 2 weeks. The motion was seconded by David Tharp and unanimously approved.

**APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS
CERTIFIED RECORD**

004-07-CA: 202 State Street
Applicant: Wanda Cochran
Received: 01/10/07 (+45 Days: 02/24/07)
Meeting: 01/22/07

INTRODUCTION TO THE APPLICATION

Historic District: DeTonti Square
Classification: Non-Contributing
Zoning: RB
Project: Partially enclose screened porch to expand master bedroom.

BUILDING HISTORY

This one-story frame residence was built in 2005 on a vacant lot next to the Waterfront Rescue Mission.

STANDARD OF REVIEW

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STAFF REPORT

- A. There is an enclosed porch at the rear (north) side of the residence, which faces a small, private courtyard. The north and west sides of the property are surrounded by a 6’ to 8’ masonry wall. The bedroom expansion has been partially completed.
- B. The Design Review Guidelines state that new additions “shall not destroy historic materials that characterize the property. The new work shall be...compatible with the massing, size, scale and architectural features to protect the historic integrity of the property and its environment.”
- C. The proposed plan for the addition includes the following:
 - 1. Partially enclose the existing rear porch to expand the existing bedroom;
 - 2. Retain the existing columns and reuse the existing window;
 - 3. Install new siding to match existing;
 - 4. Repaint in the existing color scheme.

RECOMMENDATION

Based on the information contained in the application, as well as the building being non-contributing to the historic district, the proposed work does not impair the historic integrity of the district. Staff recommends approval.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Neither the applicant nor his representative was present to discuss the application. There was no one else to speak in favor of or in opposition to the application. Staff had no comments from the public or city departments to read into the record but did state that the proposed work was already in progress.

BOARD DISCUSSION

There was no Board discussion.

FINDING OF FACT

Harris Oswald moved that, based upon the evidence presented in the application and during the public hearing, that the Board finds the facts in the Staff report. The motion was seconded by David Tharp and unanimously approved.

DECISION ON THE APPLICATION

Harris Oswald moved that, based upon the facts found by the Board, that the application does not impair the historic integrity of the district according to the Guidelines and that a Certificate of Appropriateness be issued. The motion was seconded by David Tharp and unanimously approved.

Certificate of Appropriateness Expiration Date: 01/22/08.

**APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS
CERTIFIED RECORD**

005-07-CA: 111 South Royal Street
Applicant: Museum of Mobile/Museum Board Inc
Received: 01/12/07 (+45 Days: 02/26/07)
Meeting: 01/22/07

INTRODUCTION TO THE APPLICATION

Historic District: Church Street East
Classification: Contributing
Zoning: B-4
Project: Install a banner sign.

BUILDING HISTORY

The circa 1857 Old City Market building is a two-story masonry structure adorned with decorative wrought and cast iron work. This designated National Historic Landmark currently houses the Museum of Mobile.

STANDARD OF REVIEW

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STAFF REPORT

- A. The Museum of Mobile is highlighting an exhibit they have regarding the slave trade.
- B. The plan calls for a temporary 12’ tall by 8’ wide banner sign to be placed over a loading dock door and three window openings on the south elevation.
- C. Banner signs such as this are only allowable for three non-consecutive 30 days a year.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of the application. The banner is temporary and will be placed over a modern loading dock door and three window openings, two of which have been closed. If required, the Museum will need to receive a variance from Urban Development for Item C.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Elyse Marley of the museum staff was present to discuss the application. She explained that the banner was part of the exhibit and that the show would close in September.

There was no one else to speak in favor of or in opposition to the application.

Staff had no comments from the public or city departments to read into the record.

BOARD DISCUSSION

There was no Board discussion.

FINDING OF FACT

David Tharp moved that, based upon the evidence presented in the application and during the public hearing, that the Board finds the facts in the Staff report. The motion was seconded by Jim Wagoner and unanimously approved.

DECISION ON THE APPLICATION

David Tharp moved that, based upon the facts found by the Board, that the application does not impair the historic integrity of the structure or the district according to the Guidelines and that a Certificate of Appropriateness be issued. The motion was seconded by Tilmon Brown and unanimously approved.

Certificate of Appropriateness Expiration Date: 01/22/08.

