



City of Pensacola

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

MINUTES

City of Pensacola
222 W. Main Street
Pensacola, FL
32502

November 21, 2024

2:00 PM

Hagler-Mason Conference Room,
2nd Floor

CALL TO ORDER / QUORUM

Members Present: William Brantley, Yuri Ramos, Jordan Yee, Lou Courtney, David Del Gallo, George R Mead II

Members Absent: Scott Fisher

Also Present: Historic Preservation Planner Walker, Assistant Planning & Zoning Division Manager Harding, Ross Pristera, Todd Alford, Helen Counsell, Gena Hayes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. 24-1044 APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 17, 2024 ARB MINUTES.

Board Member Ramos made a motion to approve the October 17, 2024 ARB minutes. Board Member Del Gallo seconded the motion and it passed 5-0 with Board Member Mead abstaining due to his absence from the October meeting.

OPEN FORUM

NEW BUSINESS

2. 24-1045 100 S. TARRAGONA STREET PENSACOLA HISTORIC DISTRICT & PALAFOX HISTORIC BUSINESS DISTRICT / ZONE HC-1 / CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 6 GARAGE DOOR REPLACEMENT AT A NON-CONTRIBUTING STRUCTURE

Precision Door Service is seeking final approval to replace two existing garage doors with new carbon black 600 Series 9 x 7 HAAS doors.

Gordon Miles presented to the board. Board Member Ramos asked for clarification on the door color. Mr. Miles answered the proposed garage doors are black to match the window trim. Board Member Yee asked for clarification on the panel pattern. Mr. Miles noted there will be panels to match the existing doors with the exception of the lites.

Board Member Yee made a motion to approve. Board Member Del Gallo seconded the motion, and it passed 6-0 with one member absent.

3. 24-1046 417 E. ZARRAGOSSA STREET
PENSACOLA HISTORIC DISTRICT / ZONE HC-1 / CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 6
CHIMNEY REMOVAL AT A CONTRIBUTING STRUCTURE

Arcadia ICR Group, LLC is seeking final approval to remove two chimneys from a contributing structure due to deterioration. The chimneys will be removed below the roofline and covered with decking and roof material to match existing and the fireplace box will be left in place.

Todd Alford presented to the board. Chair Brantley asked Mr. Alford about the cost to restore the chimneys. Mr. Alford answered that each chimney would likely cost \$15,000 to rebuild and it is difficult to tie in the flashing. Advisor Pristera noted the chimneys are decorative but not as prominent as other examples. Removing the chimneys will not be detrimental to the house due to other architectural elements that are being retained. Board Member Courtney asked for clarification on the deterioration of the chimneys. Mr. Alford answered that the chimneys are made of multi-wythe brick which deteriorates from the inside out due to the heat from the firebox. The exterior can be repaired, but that doesn't address the interior issues.

Board Member Ramos made a motion to approve the application as submitted. Board Member Mead seconded the motion and it passed 6-0 with one member absent.

4. 24-1047 333 E. INTENDENCIA STREET
PENSACOLA HISTORIC DISTRICT / ZONE HR-2 / CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 6
NEW ACCESSORY STRUCTURE AT A CONTRIBUTING STRUCTURE

Helen Counsell is seeking final approval for a 10 x 16 ft. storage shed with horizontal Hardie board siding to match the existing ADU painted Light French Grey with Classic Light Buff trim and a galvalume 5v crimp metal roof. The shed is proposed for the vacant parcel at 333 E. Intendencia Street, but the applicant is in the process of combining the lot with 331 E. Intendencia Street and this must be completed prior to permitting.

Ms. Counsell presented to the board and noted she is open to skirting or landscaping to avoid the appearance of a floating structure. Chair Brantley asked for clarification on the ground cover under the shed and Ms. Counsell answered the

shed will be installed on the existing pavers. Board Member Courtney noted she appreciated the steeper roof pitch to complement the existing structure.

Board Member Mead made a motion to approve with the addition of a skirting treatment, as indicated by the applicant. Board Member Courtney seconded the motion, and it passed 6-0 with one member absent.

5. 24-1054 602 N. HAYNE STREET
OLD EAST HILL PRESERVATION DISTRICT / ZONE OEHC-1 / CITY COUNCIL
DISTRICT 6
EXTERIOR ALTERATIONS AT A CONTRIBUTING STRUCTURE

Gena Hayes is seeking final approval to remove the existing concrete steps and brick cheek walls on the front porch and replace them with wood steps with handrails to match the porch railing. The applicant is also pursuing a gravel driveway either to the north or south of the existing building, but it has been determined that it does not require a building permit, so it does not require review by the ARB per Sec. 12-3-10(3)e.1.

Ms. Hayes presented to the board. Chair Brantley asked if the handrails on the stairs were required by the building code. Historic Preservation Planner Walker said the porch rails being 30" or higher required a building permit for replacement and the stairs are 30" or higher as well, which may require a handrail. Historic Preservation Planner Walker must follow up with the building official to confirm it. Chair Brantley suggested that the stairs be made of brick with mounted wood handrails. Board Member Courtney echoed Chair Brantley's suggestion of brick or concrete stairs that require less maintenance. Board Member Mead asked for clarification on the porch repairs that are visible in the photographs. Historic Preservation Planner Walker said that the porch rails were replaced without a building permit, resulting in a stop work order. A board-for-board application was facilitated; Ms. Hayes intends to replicate the wood capitals and column bases so that the porch repairs are in-kind. The porch repairs are tied to a building permit and if the in-kind repairs are not completed, the project will be referred to the full board to review the deviation. Board Member Mead noted epoxy can be helpful for future wood repairs and stated that masonry stairs were more likely to be original to the structure. Board Member Mead shared that masonry stairs could be replaced fairly easily and suggested keeping the brick columns on either side of the stairs. Ms. Hayes questioned how to have handrails on masonry stairs. Board Member Courtney shared a rail down the middle could work.

Board Member Ramos asked for Advisor Pristera's opinion. Advisor Pristera stated the stairs could have been originally wood at one point and the brick columns were added later. Advisor Pristera noted wood requires more maintenance and questioned how straightforward a concrete stair replacement would be. Advisor Pristera noted that wood or brick would be best. Board Member Del Gallo noted the wood stairs would be fine though the brick columns are a nice element that could

be retained with new wood steps in between. Board Member Ramos asked Advisor Pristera if he had visited the property and asked for clarification on Advisor Pristera's notion that the stairs were originally wood. Board Member Ramos noted the maintenance requirements of wood and noted wood stairs without the brick piers would be appropriate, perhaps with metal railing. Assistant Planning and Zoning Division Manager Harding noted the structure is viewed as residential from a building code perspective, though it will have a home occupation. Board Member Ramos asked if the wood stair details would match the existing porch. Ms. Hayes answered yes. Board Member Ramos noted what is proposed seems appropriate.

Board Member Del Gallo made a motion to approve as submitted. Board Member Ramos proposed an amendment that the applicant come back for abbreviated review for the final detailing around the posts and stair detailing. Board Member Del Gallo accepted the amendment. Board Member Yee seconded the motion and it passed 6-0 with one member absent.

6. 24-1048 223 N. PALAFOX STREET
PALAFOX HISTORIC BUSINESS DISTRICT / ZONE C-2A / CITY COUNCIL
DISTRICT 6
MURAL FOR A CONTRIBUTING STRUCTURE

Episcopal Day School is seeking final approval for a mural on the south side of Henderson Hall that faces the new sports field.

Mallie Rentz presented to the board. Board Member Courtney asked if the sky area would be addressed. Ms. Rentz pointed out the color blocking in the sky area of the mural that was suggested by the muralist. Board Member Courtney noted cloud details may balance out the proposed mural. Board Member Mead asked about established precedents for murals and the board discussed past examples of mural applications. Board Member Mead noted the botanical subjects are of large scale and are prominent along Palafox Street and appear to be a departure from previously approved treatments. Board Member Ramos complimented the color blocking and scale but preferred to stay away from realistic depictions of clouds. Board Member Yee felt the stucco wall was appropriate for a mural and attached panels would not be appropriate for a sports field. Board Member Yee noted the prominent sponsor depiction may be problematic. Ms. Rentz shared that the scale for the sponsor depiction is not as large as it appears in the rendering and is closer in scale to the flowers. Board Member Mead noted the Italian cypresses in the foreground are impacting the scale. The existing cypress trees add dimension to the wall, but they compete with the mural and a trompe l'oeil landscaping technique could resolve the matter. Board Member Courtney agreed with Board Member Yee to separate the sponsor names from the mural with a physical post-in-ground installation.

Chair Brantley made a motion to approve. Board Member Ramos offered an amendment that the donor names be reduced to be less visible from the street and

smaller than the flowers. Chair Brantley accepted the amendment. Board Member Courtney seconded the motion, and it passed 5-1 with Board Member Mead dissenting and one board member absent.

7. 24-1049 2 E. WRIGHT STREET
NORTH HILL PRESERVATION DISTRICT / ZONE C-2A / CITY COUNCIL
DISTRICT 6
NEW EXTERIOR STAIRWAY AND ENTRY CANOPY AT A CONTRIBUTING
STRUCTURE

Carter Quina is seeking final approval to add a painted steel stairway and entry canopy to match existing elements on the Wesley Abby structure, an addition to the Governor Perry Home.

Carter Quina presented to the board and noted the proposal also includes switching one art glass window from the east elevation with a clear glass window from the north elevation. Chair Brantley asked for clarification on the roof and soffit plan. Mr. Quina answered the roof will be metal to match existing materials. Board Member Ramos complimented the proposal. Board Member Mead asked why the landing is so long and could it be closer to the building. Mr. Quina answered that light and air is required for the basement area and the building code requires fire rating for anything within 10 feet of exterior stairs, so the existing windows would need to be upgraded. Being further from the building will allow landscaping and dimension in the courtyard area.

Chair Brantley made a motion to approve. Board Member Mead seconded the motion, and it passed 6-0 with one member absent.

8. 24-1057 POLICY ON THE INTERPRETATION OF SEC. 12-3-10 HISTORIC AND
PRESERVATION LAND USE DISTRICT (1)E.4.II.(A) "PLASTIC MATERIALS."

The proposed sign policy is the result of a discussion item at the October 2024 ARB meeting regarding the use of plastic materials for signage in the Pensacola Historic District as it relates to Sec. 12-3-10(1)e.4.ii.(a). Based on recommendations from an industry professional at the October 2024 ARB meeting, the policy states that the Board hereby considers "plastic materials" as stated in Sec. 12-3-10(1) to mean: Vacuum-formed or molded polymers, typically of petrochemical origin, typically formed thin and semi-opaque and intended to be internally illuminated or illuminated from behind. And not: Any other material containing or wholly composed of petrochemical derived polymers which may colloquially be called "plastic."

Ross Pristera presented to the board. Board Member Mead asked for clarification on how plastic is being defined per the policy. Mr. Pristera answered the policy aims to allow alternative materials that mimic wood, metal, and other types. Board Member Mead noted the need for additional language about how signs are formed

and clear directions for future applicants. Board Member Mead suggested revising the policy further and perhaps adding photographic examples. Historic Preservation Planner Walker noted that the policy can have visual depictions, but the policy will not be codified at this time. During the LDC revision process, policies can be referenced in order to codify them. Board Member Yee asked if language could be added to reference thickness and density, or dimensional requirements to speak further to what is allowed. Mr. Pristera noted he would contact Board Member Mead for guidance for revised language.

Board Member Mead made a motion to not approve the policy as submitted and the board will revisit the item at the December meeting with revised language and possible images. Chair Brantley seconded the motion, and it passed 6-0 with one member absent.

ADJOURNMENT