

COMMISSION OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW

MEETING OF

March 28, 2024

Members Present

Paul Liepe
Jackson Weller
Robert Stowe
Kathryn Waters
Sonja Ingram

Members Absent

Robert Weir
Karl Almquist

Staff

Arsenio Day
Shanika Williams
Renee Burton
Ryan Dodson

ITEMS FOR PUBLIC HEARING

- 1. Certificate of Appropriateness application PZ24-00140 filed by Bob Newnam to replace damaged masonry wall with fence at 937 Main Street (Parcel 26419).***

Mr. Weller opened the Public Hearing

Mr. Newnam stated: Thank yall for coming to help the city make some of these decisions that need to be made. This was not really generated by the Presbyterian Church, it was generated because a woman was driving a car on Macgruder Alley, which is this little alley directly behind Sutherlin Mansion. And she was going north toward Sutherlin and she just didn't turn. So, apparently, what she did, and you can see the picture right there, there were three big shrubs you can see the one on the left right there, and I'm assuming they were planted in the 50s, right behind them was a short masonry wall that got hit. So, when she hit the bushes she also hit the wall and knocked the whole thing in, and the only place you can see the wall is from the Sutherlin Street side, nobody would have known it existed. We took it out, it sat there for a pretty good while, while the church decided they would like to have, if you look on the right you can see a fence right there one side of the playground for the children at the nursery. If you look at that sidewalk there, to the left, that's how they come out of the classroom, so this exit here is just kind of a second exit. And then, also behind, to the left, that right there is a wood lattice which hides the trashcans from the kitchen. So, what happened is the bushes there, if you look you can see the short wall. Anyway, it knocked the one bush and the column right there completely out.

Knocked that all down. The church was discussing what to do about it, the insurance company called me and said you need to get that out of there. Where that walkway is its dangerous for people walking. I took it down, leveled it and grassed it. What the church would like to do is put a little short fence in the place of that wall was, as you can see, and just let it match the wall of the fence on the right, it doesn't have to be that tall, it doesn't have to be over four feet tall. So that's what they're requesting to do as opposed to try to rebuild the masonry wall.

Ms. Ingram stated: Where would the wall be?

Mr. Newnam stated: It went from left to right; it was stacked up against the building it wasn't anchored in or anything, that's why It fell over. It was originally there and went across the sidewalk, the reason nobody saw it was because of those bushes. Probably half the members that go didn't know it was there.

Mr. Stowe stated: And it was just a cinder block, masonry wall?

Mr. Newnam stated: That's right.

Mr. Liepe stated: Can you point to where the new fence would go? On the corner?

Mr. Newnam stated: Where you see the landscaping is there where we put seed and fertilizer and stuff, right across there. But it was behind those bushes, so it wasn't seen.

Mr. Weller closed the Public Hearing.

Mr. Stowe made a motion to approve application PZ24-00140

Mr. Liepe seconded the motion.

Motion was approved by a 4-0-1 vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The OCTOBER 26, 2023, minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

Approved By: *s/Cynthia Lester*