

**City of Senoia
Historic Preservation Commission
December 11, 2017
Senoia Municipal Court
7:00 PM
Minutes**

**Commission- Full
Staff- D. Rimi**

I. Approval of October 2017 Minutes

H. Mallon made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 2017 meeting. R. Adams seconded the motion; approved 6-0.

II. Certificates of Appropriateness

a. Lot 4 Clark St- Single Family Home

J. Bynum informed the Historical Preservation Commission of the architectural features for the home at Lot 4 Clark St. He explained that the plans were put together from Southern Living and that it will be built on a crawl space. J. Bynum explained that the only deviation from the plans is that the guest house would be changed to a garage.

H. Mallon inquired as to the width of the property at the street.

J. Bynum explained that the width is 89 ft. at the property line.

It was asked by a neighbor to this property if he would consider flipping the house due to a tree.

J. Bynum explained that flipping the house is not an option but he will try to avoid removing the tree they are concerned about.

M. Rimi inquired about the positioning of the house on the property compared to the other houses on that side of Clark St.

J. Bynum explained that he is planning on lining the house up with the others.

J. Bynum informed the Commission that the house will have the same level of finish as the 48 Couch St house.

R. Adams made a motion to approve the plans. M. Rimi seconded the motion; approved 6-0.

b. 170 Johnson St. – Appeal for a PVC Fence.

D. Rimi informed the members of the commission that in May 2017 an application for a fence at 170 Johnson Street was approved of by staff. The application showed a picture of a wooden fence that was being requested. D. Rimi explained that since the application did not state a wooden fence she called the applicant to verify that the fence they were planning on constructing was wooden, the applicant verified that yes it would be wooden.

D. Rimi informed the Historic Preservation Committee of the events that took place leading up to the appeal.

On November 20, 2017, it was brought to D. Rimi's attention that the fence at 170 Johnson Street was being installed and they were putting up a PVC fence. She then called the applicant and explained that a PVC fence was not an approved material in the Historic Overlay.

The applicant, C. Murray went on to state that he thought it was a better material and decided to change to this type of fence.

D. Rimi explained that she could not install this type of fence and needed to stop installing the fence.

C. Murray inquired as to what he would need to do to obtain permission to use a PVC fence.

D. Rimi explained that would need to be approved of by the Historic Preservation Committee and if it was denied, then it could be appealed to the Mayor and Council.

The next week Ms. Rimi was informed that the fence was finished and was done in a PVC.

D. Rimi called C. Murray and asked who gave him permission to finish the fence, since in their last conversation she stated that was not an approved material.

C. Murray stated, he took it upon himself to read our ordinances and saw that there was nothing stated in the ordinances that would not disallow a PVC fence.

D. Rimi explained that she could not give him permission to change to PVC and he would need to request an appeal, in writing, to be heard by the Historic Preservation Commission.

The request was made verbally but never in writing.

C. Murray explained that yes, he did ask for a wooden fence, but then decided to upgrade to a PVC fence, so it would be low maintenance.

M. Rimi inquired why he did not choose to use metal, brick or stone, which are approved materials.

C. Murray responded that the PVC fence looked more like the wooden fence he requested.

R. Adams stated that the Historic Preservation could not approve a PVC fence since it was not an approved of material in the ordinance and the applicant would need to file an appeal to the Mayor and Council.

C. Murray asked about the Serenity House on Barnes Street that has a PVC fence on their property.

D. Rimi stated that she would need to find out more information since that was done before she was employed with the city.

M. Rimi made a motion to deny the appeal for the PVC Fence. R. Adams seconded the motion; approved 6-0.

III. Updates
a. none

IV. Historical Preservation Commission Initiatives
a. none

V. HPC Guidelines
a. J. Woods asked D. Rimi if a member is made aware of a problem in the Historical Overlay, as in a house that needs to be maintained or something that does not meet the regulations who should be notified. D. Rimi stated that the citizens or members need to make herself or code enforcement aware of the situation.

VI. Adjourn:

R. Adams made a motion to adjourn the meeting. J. Wood seconded the motion; approved 6-0.