

**BOARD OF HISTORIC AND ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW
MINUTES
February 14, 2011
Conference Room, 1st Floor, Government Center Annex
3:30 p.m.**

A meeting of the Board of Historic and Architectural Review was held on Monday, February 14 at 3:30 p.m., 420 10th Street, Government Center Annex.

Members Present:

Reynolds Bickerstaff	Will Burgin
Stacy Fahrenbruch	Virginia Peebles
Jeff Reed	Charles Donald Beall
Elizabeth Barker	Sandi Green

Members Absent:

Bob Kidd	John Sheftall
Bradley Jones	

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Will Burgin called the meeting to order at 3:37 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Will Burgin asked for a motion on the minutes for the January 18, 2011 meeting. Reynolds Bickerstaff made a motion to approve the minutes. Sandi Green seconded the motion. All approved.

Chairman Will Burgin asked that the Staff Reports from River Valley RC and Historic Columbus are read and approved as part of the BHAR meeting. Sandi Green made a motion to approve the Staff Reports. Stacy Fahrenbruch seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

III. REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS

NEW CASES:

1. **HD 1102-01 Staff Approval – 2807 18th Avenue:** Thomas Stidham, Applicant. Request permission to replace old roofing shingles with architectural shingles. Approval given as a staff approval.
2. **HD 1102-02 – 1400 Peacock Avenue:** David & Sally Morgan, Applicants. Request permission to demolish and rebuild garage. Will Burgin read staff report for case. After a brief discussion, Sandi Green

made a motion to approve the application as submitted. Don Beall seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

3. **HD 1102-3 – 2307 18th Avenue:** Melvin Curtis, Applicant. Request permission to build new garage. Will Burgin read staff report for this case. Sandi Green asked applicant about what type of garage door would be installed. Applicant stated that he has not made a choice on what type of door to install. After a brief discussion, Sandi Green made a motion that the application be approved with the addition of adding carriage style garage doors. Stacy Fahrenbruch seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

Will Burgin asked for approval of the excused absences from the January 18, 2011 meeting. All approved.

V. NEW BUSINESS

120 6th Street – Bill Duck and Rebecca Wiggins from Inspections and Codes Department with the Columbus Consolidated Government.

Mr. Bill Duck addressed the board concerning 120 6th Street. Mr. Duck went over the history for the property. The property has been on the demolition list since 2009. Mr. Duck stated that he received a letter from Mr. Fred Green about the regulations concerning demolitions. Mr. Duck said that they could follow the ordinance and give the applicant a 90 day letter at the request of the BHAR board. Rebecca Wiggins stated that the house, apartment and store are on one lot. She has suggested to the owner that the apartment be demolished and the property can be re-platted to two lots. She would need to go to BZA for approval of setbacks.

Mr. Fred Green with HDPS addressed the board and stated that the structure should not be demolished. Mr. Green also does not oppose what Rebecca Wiggins is suggesting the applicant to do. He would like to see the house repaired and not demolished. Mr. Green also stated that the city needs to follow the ordinances concerning homes that are in disrepair. There are other homes within the district that are teetering on the same situation; however they do have tenants in them.

Ms. Mary Poindexter asked about what letter the board is talking about. Mr. Will Burgin informed applicant of what the letter states. Ms. Poindexter stated that she does not have a problem with what the city is requesting. Ms. Mary Walker informed that the board that the house has been put on the market for sale. However, the offers received are very low. Ms. Walker stated that the estimates to repair the house are over \$200,000.00. Sandi Green asked applicant why something hasn't been done since they came before the board last year. Ms. Walker stated that they did not know exactly what the board wanted her to do. Sandi Green informed her that she would give a list on what type of work is needed to mothball the property.

Kathy Evers addressed the board and stated that the letter sent by HDPS was not directly focused on Ms. Poindexter's property. Ms. Evers informed the board that there are ordinances in place that should be followed concerning any structure that is in disrepair.

Garry Curtin stated that the property has been on the list for demolition for awhile. Mr. Curtin asked that steps be followed to inform the Codes Department of the BHAR's decision to deny applicant's request to demolish structure. He stated that as a home owner, it is a responsibility to keep property maintained and not allow it to go into disrepair.

Justin Krieg with Historic Columbus Foundation stated that the process is getting too far. Mr. Krieg asked Mr. Duck about process dealing with demolition. Will Burgin asked Mr. Duck about the steps taken by codes to start the process. Mr. Duck stated that a notice is sent to the BHAR and Historic Columbus Foundation informing them of property that has been placed on demo list. Mr. Duck asked for direction from the BHAR board as to what the Inspections and Codes department. A notice needs to be sent to the Codes Department on any denials concerning properties within the historic districts. Reynolds Bickerstaff made a motion that a notice be sent to Codes Department when they have denied an application for demolition. The Codes Department will then start the 90 day process. Sandi Green seconded the motion.

Will Burgin asked the board to recommend to the Codes Department that they issue a Demolition by Neglect letter to Ms. Poindexter. Sandi Green made the motion and was seconded by Stacy Fahrenbruch. Jeff Reed suggested that Ms. Poindexter give the board an application for demolition on the apartment at the next meeting.

Hal Averett with the Riverdale Porterdale Foundation gave the board an update on the installation of windows and doors. After a brief discussion, Sandi Green gave a motion to endorse the installation of windows and doors. Reynolds Bickerstaff seconded the motion. All approved.


VI. ADJOURNMENT

5:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By:



Will Burgin, Chairman



Lynda Temples, Secretary