

HISTORIC PRESERVATION DESIGN REVIEW

Minutes of the Meeting

May 13, 2021

ATTENDANCE

A called meeting of the Historic Preservation Design Review Committee was held on Thursday, May 13, 2021, in the Council Chambers located on the Fourth Floor of the Sumter Opera House. Five board members –Ms. Julie Herlong; Ms. Heidi Burkett; Mr. Bill Buxton; Mr. Jerome Robinson; and Ms. Lucy Wilson were present. Ms. Jean Whitaker and Ms. Vivian Sharp were absent.

Staff members present were Ms. Helen M. Roodman, Mr. Kyle Kelly, and Ms. Kellie Chapman.

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Ms. Julie Herlong.

OLD BUSINESS

Prior to presenting the first case on the agenda, Mr. Kelly refreshed the Board on the purpose and intent of the Design Review Guidelines

HP-21-09, 80 Calhoun PI. (City) was presented by Mr. Kyle Kelly. The Committee reviewed this request for Historic Preservation Design Review approval for construction of an 1,840 SF single family home with attached two-car garage and 27 roof mounted solar panels.

Mr. Kelly stated under a plan approved in 1991, the property formerly known as 315 W. Calhoun St. was to be developed for 8 single-family detached units, each on its own parcel. 2 of the original 8 parcels were developed prior to the adoption of the current design guidelines.

Mr. Kelly added that PD-08-03, Calhoun Place was adopted in 2008, establishing specific zoning and land development standards that apply only to 4 lots (10, 20, 70, and 80) in Calhoun Place. The Ordinance regulates minimum building setbacks, access, and lot dimensions. Minimum parking requirements and other standards revert to underlying R-9 zoning.

	Mr. Kelly added that the applicant is proposing to install 27 solar panels on the rear portion of the western roof face.
	Based on the Design Guidelines, when planning installation of solar panels, the objective is to preserve character-defining features and historic fabric while accommodating the need for solar access to the greatest extent possible. All solar panel installation must be considered on a case-by-case basis recognizing that the best option will depend on the characteristics of the property under consideration. All solar panel installations should conform to the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation.
	Mr. Dennis Kern (applicant) was present to speak on behalf of the request.
	After some discussion, Mr. Bill Buxton made a motion to approve this request in accordance with the materials, submitted and based on compliance with Design Review Guidelines with the condition that a maximum of 14 roof-mounted solar panels be placed on the rear portion of the west-facing roof. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jerome Robinson and carried by a unanimous vote.
ADJOURNMENT	With no further business, Mr. Bill Buxton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:20 p.m. The motion was seconded by Ms. Heidi Burkett and carried by a unanimous vote.
	Respectfully submitted,
	Kellie K. Chapman
	Kellie K. Chapman, Board Secretary