

HISTORIC AREA COMMISSION
1 Municipal Drive
September 14, 2023

Present: Tera Hayward-Olivas, Chairperson
Kevin Wade
Lisa Doak

Absent: Justin Day

Also Present: Leila Hamroun, Architectural Consultant

Ms. Hayward-Olivas convened the meeting at 6:35 p.m. Roll call followed and a quorum to conduct business was declared.

Approval of the Minutes

A motion to postpone approval of the July 13, 2023 minutes until the October meeting was made, seconded and unanimously carried.

(Stenographer's Note: A motion to postpone the May 9, 2023 and the June 8, 2023, minutes until the August meeting, which was cancelled, was carried at the July meeting. The minutes of these meetings were not considered at the September 14, 2023 meeting and will be reviewed and voted on at the October meeting as well.)

New Business

184 East 4th Street – Carmela Longobardi

An application was submitted to construct a new 12' x 24' wood shed, install wood fencing at the back of the property, a 4' high aluminum fence on the side/front of the property, and to move an existing walkway.

Ms. Longobardi explained what she is proposing, noting that there is an existing paved walkway in the yard that she proposes changing to brick.

Ms. Hamroun stated that all materials are consistent with the Guidelines; however, she requested that the position of the shed be moved farther back from the house. After discussion, the homeowner agreed to move the shed back to a position set back 5' or 6' from the rear property line.

Ms. Hamroun reiterated that the materials for the shed, the fence, the railing and the walkway are all appropriate. Ms. Hayward-Olivas questioned the use of aluminum for the railing, opining that aluminum had been previously rejected by the HAC. Ms. Hamroun explained that aluminum had been rejected because the design was very modern. Ms. Hamroun noted that the use of alternate materials such as hollow tube, metal, chain link and vinyl on elevations visible to the public right of way are not appropriate; adding that aluminum is not specifically excluded. Ms. Hayward-Olivas recommended that the appropriateness of using aluminum in the Historic District be further researched. Ms. Hamroun suggested that a motion could be made approving

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the construction and positioning of the wood shed, the wood fence and the brick walkway, and that the material of the aluminum railing could be researched further and presented as Tier 1 as a follow-up. Ms. Hayward-Olivas stated that the use of aluminum should be double checked.

A motion was made to approve the proposal for 184 East 4th Street for the new construction of a 12' x 24' wood shed set 5' or 6' from the rear property line, the wood privacy fence, and the brick walkway. The material of the railing (aluminum) will be researched and presented as Tier 1 for consideration. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

Miscellaneous

Mr. Wade stated that he would like to have a robust discussion of the piping installed in the City when the full Board is in attendance. It was agreed that a discussion of the piping in the City would be added to the November Agenda, and that Messrs. Barthel and Bergstrom would be asked to attend. Further discussion of issues and complaints expressed by multiple residents, as well as what is within the purview of the HAC ensued.

There being no further business to discuss, Ms. Hayward-Olivas called for a motion to adjourn.

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and unanimously carried, and the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen R. Weirich
City Stenographer