

The Minutes of the City of Ocean Springs  
Historic Preservation Commission  
Wednesday, November 10, 2021

1. Call meeting to order

A meeting of the City of Ocean Springs Historic Preservation Commission was called to order by Vice-Chairman Carlos Barbosa at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 10, 2021. Members present were Michael Burns, Karen Chewning, and Michael Doster. Charliene Roemer and Matthew Pavlov were absent. Joanna Worch recently resigned and is no longer on the commission. Also present were Wade Morgan, City Planner, and Amanda Moser, Planning/Grants Coordinator.

2. Old Business

- a) **Deferred to December** 505 Washington Avenue / PID# 60137230.000 – Tall Architects Request for Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) to construct an education pavilion building.

W. Morgan gave an update that WAMA has a meeting scheduled with the Mississippi Department of Archives and History (MDAH) and we will provide an update once that happens.

3. New Business

- a) 160 Washington Avenue / PID# 60137504.000 – Frank Perkins – Request for COA to install a fence along the east boundary line and place landscape rocks along the road frontages.

W. Morgan introduced the proposal. The fence will have wooden posts and black fencing. Due to the Unified Development Regulations, the fence cannot be taller than four (4) foot tall within the first 90 feet from Front Beach Drive.

K. Chewning asked how high the fence would be. The applicant asked the maximum allowed. W. Morgan stated eight (8) feet other than the four (4) ft. maximum within the first 90 feet of Front Beach Drive.

K. Chewning asked what the fencing material was made of. The applicant stated it will be painted or plastic coated.

M. Doster inquired about the planned landscaping referenced in the application near the fence. The applicant is leaning toward planting bamboo since it already exists near the site of the proposed fence.

C. Barbosa inquired about the landscaping rocks. W. Morgan pointed out existing smaller landscaping rocks near the driveway area on Washington Avenue. The applicant described the rocks/boulders and their purpose is to prohibit people from driving and parking on his property.

The members discussed if rocks was in their purview to approve.

M. Burns doesn't feel the rocks or the fence doesn't add any historic value to the property or area.

Sylvia Bosco, 509 Front Beach Drive, addressed the commission in opposition to the project. She discussed drainage and site improvements. She discussed surrounding fences in comparison to the proposal. She discussed bamboo landscaping.

Jerry Harper, Biloxi, MS, addressed the commission. He is asking the item be tabled until further information is received and the issues with the property are resolved.

A motion was made by K. Chewning seconded by M. Doster to recommend removing the rocks from the COA. The motion was carried unanimously.

A motion was made by M. Burns seconded by M. Doster to table the item until a later meeting until better materials can be found and submitted, and better representation of the application. The motion was carried unanimously.

#### 4. Approval of Minutes

##### **a)** October 14, 2021

A motion was made by K. Chewning seconded by M. Doster to recommend approval of the minutes as submitted. The motion was carried unanimously.

#### 5. Audience Request

#### 6. Adjourn

A motion was made by M. Doster seconded by K. Chewning to adjourn the meeting. The motion was carried unanimously.