

**Minutes of the
New Bern Historic Preservation Commission
March 21, 2012**

The New Bern Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) held its regular meeting on Wednesday, March 21, 2012, in the second floor courtroom of City Hall, 300 Pollock Street.

Members Present: Peter Adolph, Chairman Richard Parsons
Peggy Broadway Bradley Cummins
Johnny Harrison

Members Excused (E)/Absent (A): Rich Frye, Vice-chair (E); Jack Morton, Jr. (E) Karen Britton (E); Tim Thompson (E)

Staff Present: Michael Avery, AICP, Planning and Inspections Director
Leigh Anne Friesen, AICP, Volunteer

The meeting was opened and roll call was taken. A quorum was present. A motion to waive the reading of the minutes was made by Commissioner Parsons and seconded by Commissioner Harrison. Motion passed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Commissioner Parsons and seconded by Commissioner Broadway. Witnesses were sworn in.

Witnesses Sworn: Nancy Hollows, Chief Building Inspector Johnny Clark, John Noto, Eric Remington, Kathy Adolph and Jack Veit.

New Business

1. Consider application for a Certificate of Appropriateness for Trent Court located on Franks Drive for landscaping to include installation of a type “C” Broken Screen on two landscape islands behind Buildings R and S.

Staff Comments: Staff Mike Avery described the application and addressed a paving issue. He also noted that due to the fact that Commissioner Adolph will recuse himself from the item, the Commission will not have a quorum to conduct business. The applicant is ok with postponing the item until the next regular meeting.

Applicant Comments: Eric Remington, attorney for the Housing Authority, confirmed that his client is agreeable to postpone the item to the next meeting.

2. Consider application for a Certificate of Appropriateness for 406 Craven Street for placement of a Purple Heart monument at the end of the walkway extending from the brick plaza beside the County Administration Building.

Staff Comments: Staff Mike Avery described the project and noted that the applicant was present.

Applicant Comments: Craven County Manager, Jack Veit, further described the project with visual aids. He addressed materials and location.

Public Comments: *Nancy Hollows*, 624 Hancock Street, asked if specific names would be placed on the monument. John Noto, 221 New Street, approved of the location of the monument and inquired about the height.

Discussion by the Commission: The Commissioners discussed issues including whether or not there is a design on both sides and the height.

Finding(s) of Fact: Commissioner Harrison moved to find the application congruous with the Historic Preservation Guidelines, citing Section 15-427 Certificate of Appropriateness required; Section 15-429 Review Criteria, citing the following guidelines: "Parks and Public Spaces", page 81, guideline(s)#2. Commissioner Parsons seconded the motion. Upon a call for a vote, all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Statement(s) of Reason: (1) The proposed location will serve as a focal point for the monument.

Condition(s): NONE

Motion: Commissioner Parsons moved to issue the COA, seconded by Commissioner Cummins. All Commissioners voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:52pm.

Peter Adolph, Chairman

Michael Avery, AICP
Planning and Inspections Director