



Savannah Historic District Board of Review

Virtual Meeting - March 19, 2020
8:30 A.M.
MINUTES

March 19, 2020 SAVANNAH HISTORIC DISTRICT BOARD OF REVIEW SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

No Pre-Meeting was held.

Members Present: Dwayne Stephens, Chair
 David Altschiller
 Stan Houle
 Ellie Isaacs
 Becky Lynch

MPC Staff Present: Leah Michalak, Director of Historic Preservation
 Bri Finau, Administrative Assistant
 Julie Yawn, IT

I. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

II. SIGN POSTING

III. CONSENT AGENDA

IV. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

[1. Adopt the March 19, 2020 Agenda](#)

Motion

Approve the March 19, 2020 SPECIAL CALLED MEETING Agenda as presented.

Vote Results (Approved)

Motion: Stan Houle

Second: Becky Lynch

Debra Caldwell

- Not Present

Becky Lynch	- Aye
Scott Cook	- Not Present
Dwayne Stephens	- Aye
Melissa Memory	- Not Present
David Altschiller	- Aye
Nan Taylor	- Not Present
Kevin Dodge	- Not Present
Stan Houle	- Aye
Ellie Isaacs	- Aye

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

VI. ITEM(S) REQUESTED TO BE REMOVED FROM THE FINAL AGENDA

VII. CONTINUED AGENDA

VIII. REGULAR AGENDA

[2. Petition of Hansen Architects | 20-001206-COA | 115 East Congress Street | Garage Opening Alteration](#)

[📎 Submittal Packet.pdf](#)

[📎 Staff Recommendation - 20-001206-COA.pdf](#)

Ms. Leah Michalak presented the applicant's request for approval to alter the garage opening for the parking structure located at 115 East Congress Street. The eastern most opening on the Congress Street façade is proposed to be increased in size from 8 feet high-by-12 feet wide to 11 feet high-by-20 feet wide. The signs above and to the side of the opening will be relocated to accommodate the expanded opening as well. The existing curb cut for this opening is not proposed to be increased in width and is less than 20 feet wide.

The parking structure was constructed in 1974 and is not a contributing structure within the Savannah National Historic Landmark District or the Savannah Local Historic District. No contributing parking structures exist within the visually related context of this building. Vehicular access shall be from lanes or north-south service streets. The garage opening location and lack of an interior parking setback are existing conditions. The drawings indicate that the existing curb cut is not proposed to change. If the scope changes and the curb cut is altered, the curb cut shall not exceed 20 feet in width.

Staff recommends **approval** to alter the garage opening for the parking structure located at 115 East Congress Street with the following condition because the standards are otherwise met:

If the scope changes and the curb cut is altered, the curb cut shall not exceed 20 feet in width.

Mr. Patrick Phelps, petitioner, stated a carwash had already been installed in

the garage. The opening on Congress Street was deemed inadequate by Traffic Engineering. The petitioner was requested to use another entrance to prevent queuing on Congress Street. They do not plan to modify the curb cut.

There was no public comment on this petition.

There were no Board comments. **Mr. Stephens** opened the floor for a vote.

Motion

Approval to alter the garage opening for the parking structure located at 115 East Congress Street with the following condition because the standards are otherwise met:

- If the scope changes and the curb cut is altered, the curb cut shall not exceed 20 feet in width.

Vote Results (Approved)

Motion: Ellie Isaacs

Second: Stan Houle

Debra Caldwell	- Not Present
Becky Lynch	- Aye
Scott Cook	- Not Present
Dwayne Stephens	- Aye
Melissa Memory	- Not Present
David Altschiller	- Aye
Nan Taylor	- Not Present
Kevin Dodge	- Not Present
Stan Houle	- Aye
Ellie Isaacs	- Aye

IX. REQUEST FOR EXTENSION

X. APPROVED STAFF REVIEWS

XI. WORK PERFORMED WITHOUT A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

XII. REPORT ON ITEMS DEFERRED TO STAFF

XIII. NOTICES, PROCLAMATIONS, AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

XIV. OTHER BUSINESS

XV. ADJOURNMENT

3. Adjourned

The March 19, 2020 SPECIAL CALLED MEETING was adjourned at 8:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Leah Michalak

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