

Athens City Historic and Architecture Preservation Commission
SPECIAL SESSION MINUTES
June 21, 2021 5:30 PM
Meeting held remotely via Zoom

1. Call to Order—Mary Anne Reeves called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM. Members present include Richard Vedder, John Valentour, Mary Anne Reeves, Mark Snider, and Cyrus Moore. Guy Philips and Pam Callahan were absent. Quorum was established. Paul Logue recorded minutes. Guests included Bryan Wharton, owner of 65-67 S Court Street.

2. Old Business

A. Design Review—65-67 S Court Street—John Valentour reported that the applicant and architects were unaware of the requirement for preservation review. New plans have been submitted to the commission since the meeting on Monday, June 14, 2021. Valentour reported that modifications from the previous plans include restoring all the original brick instead of covering it. Reeves asked about the type of brick that will be used. Valentour said that the buildings are separate structures but have been connected in the area when the ATM is. The date of this addition is unknown. The balcony will remain. Richard Vedder asked about Valentour's impression on the work. Valentour has a few comments on modifications that could improve the project. Reeves asked about the materials that will be used—bricks, windows, and doors. Bryan Wharton stated that they will use new brick that matches the current. Most of the existing brick will remain. The storefront windows will remain black metal framed glass windows. Upstairs apartment windows will be black metal framed glass double paned. All exterior doors will be all glass, including the upstairs balcony to bring some natural light into the stairwell. Upstairs railing will be replaced with vertical metal that meets safety requirements.

Vedder made a side comment about policy for communications and review standards.

Mark Snider and Cyrus Moore both commented that this proposal is an improvement over the current situation. Reeves agreed with their comment.

Valentour made a motion to approve the project as presented with the following changes from what was presented:

1. Gabled window opening should match the existing
2. Column at front of coffee shop—remove the stone cap and base
3. Windows at Little Prof no bigger than the original openings
4. Details on the signboard—would like to see what it will look like-- materials
5. Need details on the construction of the soffit treatment.

Vedder suggested a committee double check the changes in the motion. This committee will include Reeves, Valentour, and Moore.

Vedder seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. The motion was approved.

3. Adjournment

Reeves made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Moore seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 6:27PM.

Respectfully submitted by Paul Logue