

CITY OF DARLINGTON
HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES

The City of Darlington Historic Landmarks Commission met on **May 2, 2022**, at City Hall, 400 Pearl St. Attending were commission members Ms. Pierson, Ms. Pruitt, Mr. Paugh, Mr. Abbott, Ms. Brasington, Ms. Howle, Mr. Smith, as well as staff member Mrs. Bailey, and guests, Templin Hardee, Todd Hardee, and Lee Privette.

Ms. Pierson called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

Minutes: Mr. Paugh made the motion to accept the minutes from February 7, 2022, meeting. Ms. Pruitt seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Ms. Pierson welcomed Mr. Smith as a new member of the Commission. His background in historical architecture will be invaluable to the group.

Old Business: Mrs. Bailey informed the Commission that City Council approved the expansion of the Cashua and Spring Street historic district. In terms of the Paul Bruhn grant application, Mrs. Bailey said she had not heard either way on the results. The southeast architectural survey final draft should be available at the next meeting.

Mr. Paugh asked about guidelines for handicap ramps on historical houses, as two have been installed on Orange Street recently. Mrs. Bailey noted that ADA compliance is a federal law, so the City can make suggestions as to materials and location, but the occupant makes the final determination. The Commission also commended the people working at the Price House, 212 Orange St.

New Business: Mr. Todd Hardee asked to speak to the Commission to receive feedback on his upcoming project, the former train depot at 109 Russell St. Most recently the property housed a salon but has been home to a dental office prior to that. The 1905 structure, a Lawrence Reese building, has 120-year-old Ludowici terra cotta tile roof that is in disrepair from years of contractors walking on it. Due to the multiple valleys (8) on the roof, no one wants to provide a guarantee or warranty on the roof, but the structure has serious and multiple leaks from where the copper nails affixing the tile to the building have deteriorated. Of the multiple contractors he has had look at the roof, only one would repair it, for \$100,000, but with no guarantee or warranty. Another refused entirely. A third quoted a full replacement at \$200,000, much more than is feasible. Each individual tile is \$59 a piece. He wants to preserve the building but he said he can't afford to replace the terra cotta tile. Additionally, the tile has been repaired and replaced with a patchwork of varieties that are not the same. He talked with several historical folks around the state to gather options: a metal roof he thought looked too barn-like or a luxury tile shingle that has been used to renovate a Lutheran church in Camden. MR. Hardee said he wants his properties to look good and to maintain the historical integrity as much as possible, as

he has done with the Grand Old Post Office and the oldest house in Darlington, the Kistler-Hardee Funeral Home building.

The Commission agreed that Mr. Hardee's primary goal to save the structure, the bones of the building, did not hinge on replacing the terra cotta tiles exactly. Mr. Smith said very few craftsmen work on tile roofs at all. Mr. Paugh suggested looking into a GAF asphalt shingle that looks like slate that he used on his house. Ms. Pierson thanked Mr. Hardee for coming to the Commission for feedback.

Mr. Paugh formally resigned from the Commission as he is moving out of state.

The meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.