AGENDA KNOXVILLE HISTORIC ZONING COMMISSION KNOX COUNTY HISTORIC ZONING COMMISSION

MEETING OF JANUARY 21, 2010

- Call to Order
- Introduction of Visitors
- Approval of Minutes December 17, 2009, meeting
- Reports to Commission: Tom Reynolds, Sharon Boyce, Chair Melynda Whetsel
- Staff Report (Level I Certificates): Ann Bennett
- Certificates of Appropriateness

KNOXVILLE HISTORIC ZONING COMMISSION

Fourth & Gill H-1

801 Wells Avenue - Carl Lansden - Owner/Applicant - Certificate No. 1230094&G

Work Description

Install new square wood columns to replace unoriginal porch columns; install new railing, $2x^2$ spindles set into top and bottom rail, with trim at top and bottom and spindles set on 4" centers.

Staff Recommendation

APPROVE Certificate No. 1230094&G. Proposed columns and railing are appropriate designs for this property, which did not have original columns or railing at the time of designation.

Ft. Sanders NC-1

1400 Laurel Avenue – Michael Harding – (Owner/Applicant) – Certificate No. 10710FTS

Work Description

Applicant wishes to extend the height of the southeast corner of the three-story frame residential structure. Exterior of addition will be clad in vinyl siding consistent with the siding on the remainder of the building. Remove exterior wooden access stair. Install replacement windows which duplicate the size of the existing building, with grids diving the windows into a nine over nine pattern. Installed new entry door, also with gridded half view window.

Staff Recommendation

APPROVE Certificate No. 10710FTS, with modification of proposed grid pattern so the resulting window design and half-view door design are not gridded into smaller segments.

Additional Comments

Proposed height increase is located atop a one story enclosed addition which is on the rear and east side of the building. Removal of wooden access stair is complimentary to the overall building design. The removal of the grids in the windows and door will result in a one over one window design and half-view design in the door more appropriate to the building's Queen Anne design.

<u>General</u>

300 Main Street – Jayne Burnett, Public Building Authority (Applicant), Knox County Government (Owner) – Certificate No. 10710GEN

Work Description

Applicant is requesting approval to replace all wood windows in building with metal clad windows that replicate in dimension, size and design the deteriorated wood windows now found on the building.

Replace severely deteriorated windows of various dates with exact size and profile duplicate of existing historic windows that is a painted surface, aluminum clad window. Replacement window will duplicate the oldest generation of windows in building, replacing sashes and frame, retaining brick surround and marble trim on exterior. Interior trim and/or finish surrounding windows will not be altered and interior of sash will be stained or finished wood. Transoms will be replaced with stained glass color matched to original stained glass transoms, and will also substitute for original stained glass transoms that have been altered with new clear glass; replacement transoms will have exterior metal clad grids, interior wood grids, and internal grids to provide a visual duplication of existing windows; heavy pulls on exterior of windows will be reused or replicated; lugs or dog ears on bottom of top sashes will be replicated. New windows will incorporate energy saving features and will be in better condition and easily maintained.

Staff Recommendation

DENY Certificate No. 10710GEN. Proposed replacement window top and bottom rails and meeting rail are noticeably inconsistent in size with the original window.

Additional Comments

The Public Building Authority understands the concerns expressed over the sizes of the bottom rail, top rail and meeting rail in the installed sample window, and the resulting reduction in size of the glass panes. They are in consultation with the window supplier, Marvin Windows, to determine if those elements can be made consistent with the original window, and will reapply for consideration if that is achieved.

Other Business

• Endorsement of Murphy House, 4508 Murphy Road, as a historic structure

The Hugh Murphy House, located at 4508 Murphy Road, was built c. 1841 in the Gothic Revival style. The house is significant for its architectural detailing and construction, including original stained glass sidelights and sawn wood trim, for its association with the Murphy family, which began with Hugh's father Robert Murphy settling in Grassy Valley in 1797, and for its prominent location as the focal point of surrounding agricultural land and outbuildings. A recent rehabilitation and restoration by the new owner and member of the fifth generation of Murphy's to occupy the land has added to that significance.

The Knoxville and Knox County Historic Zoning Commissions has been consulting with the current owner, Kevin Murphy, as he has pursued the house's restoration and rehabilitation. The significance of the house and its setting have prompted both the historic commissions to request every consideration directed at preserving the house and its setting, so that future citizens can understand the prominence and evolution of this significant farmstead.

• Election of Officers for city and county commissioners

The next meeting of the Knoxville and Knox County Historic Zoning Commissions will be held on February 18, at 8:30 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City-County Building.