

**Town of Stephens City Historic Preservation
Commission Minutes
Tuesday, October 23, 2012 (5:00 p.m.)**

The Town of Stephens City Historic Preservation Committee held their meeting on Tuesday, October 23, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.

Attendees:

Chairman, Allen Barley
Ben Cooley
Carol Horne
Gary Kula
Byron Smith
David Edwards

Absent:

Susan Boyd

Staff Present:

Town Planner, Brian Henshaw

Also Present:

Joe Hollis
Richard Sewell, Architect
John Holt
Penny Holt
Pastor Cameron Keyser
Rhonda Keyser

Call to Order:

With a quorum present, Chairman Barley called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Chairman Barley welcomed all to the meeting and acknowledged that it was a pleasure to actually have an audience in attendance for the meeting.

Chairman Barley entertained a motion to approve the minutes.

Commissioner Horne made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion.

The motion was approved.

Action Items:

Certificate of Appropriateness 07-12 – 810 E. Fairfax Street – Trinity Lutheran Church

Mr. Henshaw turned the presentation over to Mr. Joe Hollis, Trustee at Trinity Lutheran Church to introduce the and briefly describe the application to demolish the existing Parrish Hall, which is considered barn like construction and no longer meets their needs as a church and organization. The existing building also does not meet their needs from a handicap accessibility standpoint. At this point, Mr. Hollis turned the presentation over to Mr. Richard Sewell of Gregory Construction. Mr. Sewell is the architect of the firm.

Mr. Sewell described the architecture and the methods his company had come up with to honor the original architecture from the Sanctuary which was constructed in 1908. He presented the Commissioners with a very brief history of the facility and described how the two later additions in 1949 and the late 60s have some attempts to honor the original architecture; it did not meet the architecture established on the original portion of the building. Furthermore, Mr. Sewell verbally and visually walked the Commissioners around the building using a projected 3-D model of the design. He highlighted features such as the prayer garden, courtyard in the front of the church, a columbarium and the intent to honor the arched windows of the original sanctuary through the custom designed mullion arch in the new additions windows.

The only question raised was if the arched windows in the Parrish hall could be salvaged and used in the new facility. It was determined that windows were not in the best of shape and that there were not enough to complete the project. Commissioner Smith stated that he felt it would be best to have all the same type of windows opposed to the different styles.

Commissioner Smith did request that the church allow the Newtown History Center to document the original buildings prior to demolition. The church members were glad to allow the History Center to document the structures.

Chairman Barley opened the floor for a motion.

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for the demolition contingent on the documentation of existing structure prior to reconstruction of a new Parrish Hall and addition to the Trinity Lutheran Church. Commissioner Edwards seconded the motion and added an amendment that if there are any changes to the plans during the course of construction, that the proposed changes be brought back to the HPC. The Commissioners agreed with the amendment.

The motion passed.

Let the record state the Commissioner Ben Cooley abstained from the vote due to his membership and role with regard to the building program at Trinity Lutheran.

Adjourn:

Without any additional business, Chairman Barley adjourned the meeting at 5:32 p.m.