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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
TRANSCRIPT OF PUBLIC HEARING  
TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 2019, 7:00 P.M.  
CITY HALL, SIXTH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

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COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

- Renee Schneider, Chairwoman
- Sean Prince, Vice Chairman
- Sallie Grant-DiVenuti
- Paula Gilley-Sawyer
- Thomas Butt
- Edward Barham IV
- David Stevenson
- Matthew Kloeppe

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

- Chris Crowder
- Lynn Briley
- G. Quince

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

- Jocelyn Adumuah, Planning Manager
- William E. Moody, Councilman

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1 (Call to order at 7:00 p.m.)

2 MS. SCHNEIDER: Good evening, everyone. I  
3 would like to call the meeting of the Historic  
4 Preservation Commission to order. My name is Renee  
5 Schneider, and I'm the chairwoman. If I could have my  
6 fellow commissioners and support staff introduce  
7 themselves. We don't have a city attorney tonight.

8 MR. KLOEPPPEL: Matthew Kloepfel, Park View.

9 MR. STEVENSON: David Stevenson, Olde Towne.

10 MS. GILLEY-SAWYER: Paula Gilley-Sawyer,  
11 Port Norfolk.

12 MR. BUTT: Thomas Butt, Olde Towne.

13 MS. GRANT-DIVENUTI: Sallie Grant-DiVenuti,  
14 Port Norfolk.

15 MR. BARHAM: Edward Barham, Glenshellah.

16 MR. PRINCE: Sean Prince, Vice Chair, Park  
17 View.

18 MS. SCHNEIDER: I'm Renee Schneider,  
19 Chairwoman, Port Norfolk.

20 MR. MOODY: Bill Moody, Council liaison.

21 MS. ADUMUAH: Jocelyn Adumuah, Planning  
22 liaison.

23 MS. SCHNEIDER: All right. Before we begin  
24 reviewing applications, commissioners, if you will  
25 please review the minutes from last month's meeting.  
Are there any revisions? If not, could I please have a  
motion?

MR. BUTT: Motion to adopt.

MS. GILLEY-SAWYER: I second.

MS. SCHNEIDER: All in favor?  
(Response)

MS. SCHNEIDER: Any opposed?  
(No response)

MS. SCHNEIDER: Motion carries.

The purpose of this meeting is to review the  
applications that have been submitted to determine if  
they adhere to historic district guidelines for the  
city of Portsmouth and for the historic districts,  
which include Olde Towne, Park View, Port Norfolk,  
Cradock, and Truxtun. If you do not agree with the  
decision of this commission, you do have the right to  
appeal, and you may contact Ms. Adumuah for information  
regarding the appeal process.

We're going to take consent agenda items  
first.

MR. PRINCE: I would like to make a motion  
to accept HPC-19-00067, 68, and 71 as consent agenda  
items.

1 MR. BARHAM: Second.  
2 MR. KLOEPPPEL: Do you have a caveat for 71?  
3 MR. PRINCE: Is that homeowner or  
4 construction worker --  
5 MS. ADUMUAH: No. He's not here.  
6 MR. PRINCE: -- for 536 Florida Avenue?  
7 I guess for documentation purposes, the  
8 caveat is that the cedar shakes is Hardie plank.  
9 MS. SCHNEIDER: Did I have a second on this?  
10 MR. KLOEPPPEL: Second.  
11 MS. SCHNEIDER: All in favor?  
12 (Response)  
13 MS. SCHNEIDER: Any opposed?  
14 (No response)  
15 MS. SCHNEIDER: Motion carries.

16 HPC-19-00067, 130 MOUNT VERNON AVENUE:  
17 MR. BARHAM: Before we get there. That's  
18 what you were -- sorry. I thought you were going on to  
19 the next case.  
20 MS. SCHNEIDER: No.  
21 130 Mount Vernon Avenue in Port Norfolk,  
22 your application has been approved. See Ms. Adumuah.

23 HPC-19-00068, 536 FLORIDA AVE:  
24 MS. SCHNEIDER: HPC-19-00068, 536 Florida  
25 Avenue we know is not here.

26 HPC-19-00071, 246 HATTON ST:  
27 MS. SCHNEIDER: And the last one --  
28 MR. PRINCE: 246 Hatton Street in Park View.  
29 MS. SCHNEIDER: -- 246 Hatton Street, your  
30 application has been approved. So you may see  
31 Ms. Adumuah tomorrow.  
32 MS. ADUMUAH: So you're okay with the  
33 Perma-Cast columns, not wood? Okay.  
34 MS. SCHNEIDER: It's a composite.  
35 MR. BUTT: I consider that a composite.  
36 MR. PRINCE: It's not specifically against  
37 anything.  
38 MS. ADUMUAH: I just want to make sure we're  
39 good.  
40 MR. PRINCE: And for that particular house,  
41 I thank you guys for what you're doing.  
42 MS. GILLEY-SAWYER: You may go. You can  
43 stay.  
44 MS. SCHNEIDER: Good night.

1 HPC-19-00069, 628 BROAD ST:

2 MS. SCHNEIDER: Do we have the applicant for  
2 628 Broad Street present? That would be HPC-19-00069.

3 THE APPLICANT: That would be me, the single  
3 guy.

4 MS. SCHNEIDER: Sir, please come up.

4 MR. BUTT: Join us at the big table.

5 MS. GRANT-DIVENUTO: And I will say before  
5 you start, I am very hard of hearing.

6 THE APPLICANT: I have a loud voice.

6 MS. SCHNEIDER: You are Mr. Boyd?

7 THE APPLICANT: Danny Boyd. Yes.

7 MS. SCHNEIDER: Well, Mr. Boyd, if you would  
8 like to tell us a little bit about your project and  
8 what you are planning on doing.

9 THE APPLICANT: Reviewing the guidelines and  
9 what I can do and cannot do, coming to you for yes I  
10 can based on the same requirements that you got in your  
10 guidelines. This is my family home. I'm trying to  
11 restore it with a budget. Trying to stay within that  
11 budget. Know there are some constraints based on  
12 historical district, same like versus vinyl siding and  
12 vinyl windows and so forth.

13 If you look at my list of items that I have  
13 or desires, which first would be the external walls to  
14 put up -- install new siding, capture all of the  
14 openings with siding. And my understanding that I  
15 would need to do something like -- with the same  
15 materials that's in the guidelines for the siding I  
16 wanted to do. I don't want to do, what I wanted to do.  
16 Okay? So long story short, I wanted to get an  
17 acceptance to put the siding on based on what was  
17 required for that particular location.

18 MR. PRINCE: With that said, vinyl is not  
18 acceptable.

19 THE APPLICANT: Yes. That's why I wouldn't  
19 repeat it.

20 MR. BUTT: It's a dirty word.

20 MR. PRINCE: Do you know for a fact that  
21 you've got asbestos siding?

21 THE APPLICANT: Don't know that for a fact.  
22 The house is 90 years old.

22 MR. PRINCE: If it's not asbestos siding,  
23 one of your options is to take that off back to the  
23 clapboard that's there and finish that. And then  
24 there's several wood options that you can use. But  
24 vinyl is not one of them. Vinyl windows and vinyl  
25 siding is not approved.

25 THE APPLICANT: I saw that too. I just

1 can't pull my sheet up this second here, which I gave a  
sample of what I was desiring to use.

2 MS. ADUMUAH: The vinyl sample is right  
there.

3 THE APPLICANT: Right here. Which?

4 MR. PRINCE: Vinyl is not --

5 MS. SCHNEIDER: You can't.

6 THE APPLICANT: Which I cannot use.

7 MS. SCHNEIDER: Correct.

8 THE APPLICANT: And I can use, if you would  
allow me to, based on your guidelines, I could use the  
wood clapboard siding.

9 MR. PRINCE: Hardie plank. There are  
several.

10 MR. BUTT: Mr. Boyd, that's a cementitious  
material. It's really not wood.

11 THE APPLICANT: Right.

12 MR. BUTT: There's a sample next to the  
brick that's a material that we like.

13 THE APPLICANT: Yes.

14 MR. BUTT: And it's very durable. You don't  
have to paint that like you do wood.

15 THE APPLICANT: Right. That's what I'm  
desiring to use. I don't have a cost picture right  
this moment for that, but I've got with a couple of  
contractors that do install that, and they said they  
could install that type of siding.

16 MR. PRINCE: I would like to make a motion  
to defer this until you have a couple different options  
for yourself to present to us, again because the vinyl,  
if it's an answer now, we can't allow the vinyl.

17 THE APPLICANT: I don't want there to be an  
answer now. That's not an answer.

18 MR. BARHAM: It would be better for you if  
we defer this to the next month. You can collect  
figures on the Hardie board and the composite windows  
or whatever you choose to use that are not vinyl. You  
come back, and if it fits within the guidelines, we  
check it out.

19 MR. PRINCE: Basically, I'm asking you would  
you prefer a straight answer now, or my preference  
would be to make a motion to defer this to the next  
meeting next month to give you an opportunity to  
identify a couple different options of wood or  
composite wood that you can use for siding.

20 THE APPLICANT: That's reasonable.

21 MR. PRINCE: I'm going to make a motion.

22 THE APPLICANT: Before you make that motion,  
23 let me do the same with the windows. How about that?  
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1 MR. PRINCE: It would be the entire  
application.

2 THE APPLICANT: Do the entire? Okay.

3 MS. SCHNEIDER: I would make a  
recommendation that you read through the guidelines to  
4 give you a better idea of exactly what we do allow.

5 THE APPLICANT: Yes.

6 MS. SCHNEIDER: Like Sean said, the vinyl, a  
no all the way around for everything.

7 THE APPLICANT: Okay.

8 MR. PRINCE: With that said, I would like to  
make a motion for HPC-19-00069, 628 Broad Street, to be  
9 deferred until such time he has resubmitted his  
application with other choices than vinyl.

10 MS. GRANT-DIVENUTO: Second.

11 MS. SCHNEIDER: All in favor?

12 (Response)

13 MS. SCHNEIDER: Any opposed?

14 (No response)

15 MS. SCHNEIDER: Motion carries.  
Mr. Boyd, we will see you next month  
16 hopefully. Thank you.

17 MS. ADUMUAH: Mr. Boyd also wants to put a  
larger front door in because someone downsized the  
18 door. So it's much smaller. He wants to maybe put  
steps in the back. He has a lot he wants to do on this  
19 property. So when he comes back, he's going to add a  
few more things. I couldn't allow those things. He  
20 didn't have examples, so he couldn't do that.

21 I had a question. Often times people don't  
paint that siding. You can't paint it? Is it too  
22 brittle to paint?

23 MR. BUTT: The Hardie board?

24 MS. ADUMUAH: No. The siding that's there  
now.

25 MR. PRINCE: You can paint it. Everybody  
paints it because it's extremely expensive to take it  
out.

THE APPLICANT: There's a lot of damage to  
the existing siding that's there.

MS. ADUMUAH: In the back, right?

THE APPLICANT: Back and on the side and a  
couple places on the front porch.

MS. ADUMUAH: Sometimes you can buy  
materials comparable to that and put it in there and  
paint it as opposed to ripping that all off and going  
back with the Hardie.

MR. PRINCE: That's the cheapest option, to  
match the existing siding and paint it.



1 MR. BARHAM: Something to consider.  
2 MS. ADUMUAH: And the money you save there  
3 you can put in the composite windows if you can't  
4 repair them. That's always an option, too, is to  
5 repair the windows if they're reparable. It's an  
6 option.  
7 THE APPLICANT: Yes. Okay.  
8 MR. BARHAM: We look forward to hearing from  
9 you in a month.  
10 MS. GILLEY-SAWYER: Glad to see the project.  
11 THE APPLICANT: Thank you.  
12 MS. GRANT-DIVENUTO: Thank you for coming in  
13 and doing that.  
14 MS. SCHNEIDER: If there's nothing else on  
15 the agenda, would you please review the current case  
16 listings.  
17 MR. PRINCE: Motion to accept the current  
18 case listings as is.  
19 MS. STEVENSON: Second.  
20 MS. SCHNEIDER: All in favor?  
21 (Response)  
22 MS. SCHNEIDER: No opposed?  
23 (No response)  
24 MS. SCHNEIDER: Motion carries.  
25 MR. PRINCE: Any new news?  
MS. ADUMUAH: No new news.  
MR. PRINCE: Motion to adjourn.  
MR. BUTT: Second.  
MS. SCHNEIDER: All in favor?  
(Response)  
MS. SCHNEIDER: Good night.  
  
(Meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.)

1 COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA AT LARGE, to-wit:

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3 I, Kimberly A. Watrous, Registered Professional  
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13 proceeding nor otherwise interested in the event  
14 thereof.

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16 2019, at Norfolk, Virginia.

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