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COMMISSION

Proceedings held on Wednesday, April 24, 2024,
commencing at 3:00 p.m., at the Ed Ball Building, Room 851, 214 North Hogan Street, Jacksonville, Florida, before Diane M. Tropia, FPR, a Notary Public in and for the State of Florida at Large.

PRESENT:
JACK C. DEMETREE, III, Chairman.
MICHAEL MONTOYA, Vice Chair.
ETHAN GREGORY, Secretary
OLIVIA FRICK, Commission Member.
MAXIMILIAN GLOBER, Commission Member.
WILLIAM HOFF, Commission Member.
ALSO PRESENT:
ARIMUS WELLS, Planning and Development Dept.
CARLA LOPERA, Office of General Counsel
JOANNA SNYDER, Planning and Development Dept.

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THE CHAIRMAN: All right. Welcome to the April 24th edition of the Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission.

If I could start with some introductions, please.

MR. WELLS: Arimus Wells, Historic Preservation section.

MS. LOPERA: Carla Lopera, Office of General Counsel.

COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: Michael Montoya, commissioner.

THE CHAIRMAN: J.C. Demetree, chairman.
COMMISSIONER GREGORY: Ethan Gregory, commissioner.

COMMISSIONER FRICK: Olivia Frick, commissioner.

COMMISSIONER HOFF: Bill Hoff, commissioner.

COMMISSIONER GLOBER: Max Glober, commissioner.

THE CHAIRMAN: We'll take a break every two hours, as needed. If you could silence your cell phones, please. Any private

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hearing. Is anyone here to speak on anything on consent outside of now 2,3 , and 8 ?

AUDIENCE MEMBER: (Indicating.)
THE CHAIRMAN: You can come on up.
(Audience member approaches the podium.)
THE CHAIRMAN: If you'll state your name and address for me.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Kim -- is that on?
(Microphone malfunction.)
(Brief pause in the proceedings.)
THE CHAIRMAN: If you could just please watch the white cord when you come up.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Is this on? Is the microphone on?

THE CHAIRMAN: Good question. It does not seem to be.
(Brief pause in the proceedings.)
THE CHAIRMAN: It's always something.
AUDIENCE MEMBER: My name is Kim Pryor. I
live at 245 West 5th Street.
THE CHAIRMAN: Kim, she's going to swear you in real quick.

MS. PRYOR: Pardon?
THE CHAIRMAN: She's going to swear you in real quick.

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THE REPORTER: If you would raise your right hand for me, please.

MS. PRYOR: (Complies.)
THE REPORTER: Do you affirm that the testimony you are about to give will be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth?

MS. PRYOR: I do.
THE REPORTER: Thank you.
MS. PRYOR: I'm here to request that we pull Items Number 4 and 9 off of consent to have further discussion on those, specifically regarding the windows.

THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. Number 4 and 9.
Okay. We can chat about that.
MS. PRYOR: Thank you.
THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.
Anybody else here to speak on -- so my consent agenda reads now -- we have Number 1, COA-24-30487; Number 4, COA-23-29861.

MS. LOPERA: Mr. Chair, I believe that's the one that (inaudible) --

THE CHAIRMAN: Well, I figured we'd talk about -- I mean, I wasn't going to pull it straightaway. I figured we'd talk about it

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first, especially to make sure nobody else was here to speak on the rest.

COA-24-30521, Number 5; Number 6, COA-24-30389; Number 7, COA-23-30010; and Number 9, COA-23-29954.

Is anybody else here to speak on any of those?

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: (No response.)
THE CHAIRMAN: All right. With that, we'll close the public hearing, and I'll entertain a motion.

COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: Motion to approve the remaining items on the consent agenda.

THE CHAIRMAN: All right.
MS. LOPERA: Could you clarify which of the remaining items you're including?

COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: That would be Number 1, COA-24-30487; Item Number 5, COA-24-30521, 1445 Avondale Avenue; Item 6, COA-24-30389, 112 10th Street East; Item 7, COA-23-30010, 1902 Market Street North; Item Number 9, COA-23-29954, 1918 Morningside Street.

THE CHAIRMAN: So the ones you listed -you pulled 4 but didn't pull 9.

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COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: Okay. So I would like to amend that and pull Number 9, COA-24-29954, 1918 Morningside Street.

COMMISSIONER GREGORY: Could I get a clarification real quick?

THE CHAIRMAN: So currently --
COMMISSIONER GREGORY: We pulled 2, 3, 4, 8, and 9; is that correct?

THE CHAIRMAN: Correct.
COMMISSIONER GREGORY: Okay. I second.
THE CHAIRMAN: All those in favor?
COMMISSION MEMBERS: Aye.
THE CHAIRMAN: Those opposed?
COMMISSION MEMBERS: (No response.)
THE CHAIRMAN: Hearing none, if you are COA 1, COA 5, 6 or 7, you're good to go.

And, with that, we will jump right into Number 2 on what was formerly on consent, COA-24-30388, 2051 Redwing Street.

Is this worth talking in unison with Number 3 as well? I know we have to vote on them separately, but --

So we're going to talk about COA-24-30388 as well as COA-24-30407 together. Both are Redwing Street.

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I will take a staff report.
MR. WELLS: Application COA-24-30388, located at 2051 Redwing Street, seeks to construct a new, two-story, single-family home. We found the property located on an arterial lot, and along this block there are a mixture of one-story and two-story homes.

As designed, the home will consist of a gable roof and a full-width porch, along with a front elevation. Primary materials of the structure include Fiberglass shingles for the roof, 3 -over-1 and 1-over-1 windows, fiber cement lap siding and shingles, wood railings, concrete block with a brick finish for the foundation, and brick columns for the front porch.

Overall, in -- in violation [sic] with our criteria and our design guidelines, we found that the structure meets those specifications. As such, we forward to you a recommendation for approval.

THE CHAIRMAN: All right. Questions for staff?

COMMISSION MEMBERS: (No response.)
THE CHAIRMAN: With that, we'll open the
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public hearing.
And if the applicant is here, you can come on up.
(Audience member approaches the podium.)
THE CHAIRMAN: If you'll state your name and address.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Mitchell Askelson, 7563 Philips Highway, Jacksonville, Florida 32256.

THE CHAIRMAN: Diane is going to swear you in.

THE REPORTER: If you would raise your right hand for me, please.

MR. ASKELSON: (Complies.)
THE REPORTER: Do you affirm that the testimony you are about to give will be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth?

MR. ASKELSON: I do.
THE REPORTER: Thank you.
THE CHAIRMAN: And I presume, being on consent, you are good with all of the
conditions met?
MR. ASKELSON: Correct.
THE CHAIRMAN: All right.
COMMISSIONER HOFF: Yeah, through the
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Chair to the applicant, so, typically, on homes in both -- well, in Springfield, we see (inaudible) on the front third of the house, so I was wondering what your thoughts were on putting a window in the front third of the second floor on the -- on the right elevation?

MR. ASKELSON: The one on the bottom right-hand corner?

COMMISSIONER HOFF: Yeah.
So it's noted elsewhere in the JHPC staff report that usually large blank exterior walls are frowned upon, especially towards the front of the house where it's more visible.

So I know that on the interior layout, you do have a bathroom there, but I also know that there's, you know, ways to put some kind of opening there as well.

MR. ASKELSON: Yeah.
COMMISSIONER HOFF: So just wanted to get your thoughts on it.

MR. ASKELSON: So you would be the third person that brought that up.

COMMISSIONER HOFF: Oh, really?
MR. ASKELSON: Yeah. So not that that has not been discussed. That is that bathroom

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right there on the front corner of the house.
We have the window at the front. The vanities and the sinks run along that side of the house right there where that thing is, where -- on the -- where there's no window there.

The problem with putting the window there, obviously, would be, you don't have a spot to put your mirrors in front of your vanity, so we're just trying to look at it as a living thing from the inside, where we'd have the mirrors for, obviously, doing your hair, makeup, and all that kind of jazz, so ...

Open to something else, but it's 8 -foot ceilings, so we didn't really see a way for, like, a transom window up there. If there was, we would have been open for it, but with the 8 -foot ceiling and the need for mirrors and livability inside, that's the reason we have pushed back some.

Fully understand where everybody is coming from that's made that comment, but --

COMMISSIONER HOFF: So it's good to know that I'm not alone, then, in making that observation.

I have -- I've been to a lot of bathrooms
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for both new and old construction, and I know people can get pretty creative with how they put an opening there, so --

MR. ASKELSON: I understand.
I've looked even in between, like, where the mirror might go and the shower, which will, obviously, further (inaudible) there, and there's not really enough room to do maybe, like, (inaudible)-style trim on the inside, you know, do your, you know, 1-by-4 (inaudible) for that, plus the mirror, plus where the tile -the edge of the tile is going to come out to, it doesn't -- feel that you could put, like, a one-foot-width, you know, type window in there.

So, again, fully open to, you know, any recommendations that we could do there, but working with our drafter and looking over it several times, we didn't see a way to get around it, keeping the same floor plan and stuff like that.

COMMISSIONER HOFF: So I have a new construction house, and on the exterior of my upstairs bathroom I have a window on the other side of my shower wall. So it's not accessible from the inside, but it's a window and it looks

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like a window from the exterior.
Also, I was in a historic house recently. There was a window actually in the shower and it was, you know, frosted and waterproofed, so I know there's ways to do it. And I understand that it's -- it's not ideal, but we are concerned about the exterior character, and I know that there's ways to reconfigure things, so --

MR. ASKELSON: I can understand that.
THE CHAIRMAN: All right. We'll call you
back up if we need you.
MR. ASKELSON: Sure.
THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.
Is anybody else here to speak on this COA?
AUDIENCE MEMBERS: (No response.)
THE CHAIRMAN: With that, we'll close the public hearing, and I'll entertain a motion.

COMMISSIONER GREGORY: Motion to approve COA-24-30388, 2051 Redwing Street.

MS. LOPERA: Through the Chair, do you want to add staff conditions to that or just straight up --

THE CHAIRMAN: We can add a
recommendation. I don't know if you want to
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condition it. That's --
MR. WELLS: The staff report has conditions.

MS. LOPERA: The staff report has -COMMISSIONER GREGORY: My motion is not -is with no additional conditions other than what's currently being approved.

MS. LOPERA: There are 12 conditions in the staff report.

COMMISSIONER GREGORY: With staff conditions.

MS. LOPERA: Thank you.
COMMISSIONER GLOBER: Second.
THE CHAIRMAN: Any more conversation? We could add a recommendation for another window.

COMMISSIONER GREGORY: I, personally, don't want to see a window in a shower. Those are leak points. Once you get water inside a place that's an opening, you're just inviting moisture problems into that side wall, creating additional issues for the homeowner in the future.

Now, is there another option there? I don't know. I don't know what an option would be with that space there without completely

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reconfiguring this bathroom.
And I see what you mean about the big, open space there. If you'd like to see a window there, I agree, I'm just not sure how we get there easily, I guess is my point.

THE CHAIRMAN: All right.
COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: Yeah, I wonder about that too, just in regards to it being a bathroom, but also these houses are mirrors of each other, so you'd have the bathroom windows looking at each other from across the property line.

COMMISSIONER GREGORY: That's a good point.

COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: So, I mean, I guess they could be high windows, just letting light in with no vision to them, but I think that might be odd in the bathroom as well.

COMMISSIONER GREGORY: Yeah. I think if we added, like, a -- a horizontal one, like, say, above the vanity mirrors, per se, that would just look weird in the elevation outside there too.

THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. All those in favor?
COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: Aye.
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COMMISSIONER GREGORY: Aye.
COMMISSIONER FRICK: Aye.
COMMISSIONER GLOBER: Aye.
THE CHAIRMAN: Aye.
Those opposed?
COMMISSIONER HOFF: Nay.
THE CHAIRMAN: All right. With that, COA-24-30388 is approved.

And that will take us to COA-24-30407, 2047 Redwing Street. We'll go ahead and open the public hearing.

Is anybody here to speak on this COA?
(Mr. Askelson approaches the podium.)
THE CHAIRMAN: I don't think we need you, but --

MR. ASKELSON: I mean, it's the same issue, so --

THE CHAIRMAN: State your name and address real quick, and then --

MR. ASKELSON: Mitchell Askelson, 7563
Philips Highway, Jacksonville, Florida 32256.
MS. LOPERA: Through the Chair to
Mr. Askelson, can you just verify, is your
suite number 109 or 208?
MR. ASKELSON: 208.
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MS. LOPERA: Thank you.
THE CHAIRMAN: All right. We'll call you if we need you.

MR. ASKELSON: Sure.
THE CHAIRMAN: Is anybody else here to speak on this COA?

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: (No response.)
THE CHAIRMAN: With that, we'll close the public hearing, and I'll entertain a motion.

COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: Motion to approve COA-24-30407, 2047 Redwing Street, with the 12 conditions.

COMMISSIONER GLOBER: Second.
THE CHAIRMAN: All those in favor?
COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: Aye.
COMMISSIONER GREGORY: Aye.
COMMISSIONER FRICK: Aye.
COMMISSIONER GLOBER: Aye.
THE CHAIRMAN: Aye.
Those opposed?
COMMISSIONER HOFF: Nay.
THE CHAIRMAN: With that, you have
approved COA-24-30407, and we will move along
to Number 4 formerly on consent, COA-23-29861, 141 5th Street East.

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porches.
We find that, overall, the space on the proposed design itself, it will be consistent and compatible, and we forward to you a recommendation for approval with conditions noted.

THE CHAIRMAN: All right. Questions for staff?

COMMISSION MEMBERS: (No response.)
THE CHAIRMAN: All right. With that, we'll open the public comment.

Is the applicant here?
(Audience member approaches the podium.)
THE CHAIRMAN: If you'll state your name and address for me.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Damian Gardner, 7168 Cypress Cove, Jacksonville, Florida 32244.

THE CHAIRMAN: Damian, Diane is going to swear you in real quick.

THE REPORTER: If you would raise your right hand for me, please.

MR. GARDNER: (Complies.)
THE REPORTER: Do you affirm that the testimony you are about to give will be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the

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truth?
MR. GARDNER: Yes, ma'am.
THE REPORTER: Thank you.
THE CHAIRMAN: And I presume you're good
with all of the staff recommendations?
MR. GARDNER: Yes, we are.
THE CHAIRMAN: All right. We will call
you back if we need to you.
MR. GARDNER: All right. Thank you.
THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.
Is anybody else here to speak on this COA?
(Ms. Pryor approaches the podium.)
THE CHAIRMAN: If you'll state your name and address again.

MS. PRYOR: Is it on? I don't think it's on again. I couldn't hear anybody standing up here speaking.
(Microphone failure.)
(Brief pause in the proceedings.)
MS. PRYOR: Kim Pryor, 245 West 5th
Street.
First off, I want to say that -- thank you to the applicant for wanting to bring this old gal back. That -- it's a monumental task.

What I would like to talk about is the
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windows. Now, I know that there are a lot of metal-type windows here, but if you scroll through, Arimus, I didn't see any pictures of the windows. I saw a window survey, but I didn't see any photographs of the close-up windows, like you normally see with a window survey.

And so my question here is, what is the condition of the entire window, not just the sash? Is the frame still there? Is the --
(Microphone failure.)
MS. PRYOR: I could tell when this thing goes out. See, it went out again.
(Discussion held off the record.)
MS. PRYOR: I'll go back and kind of start over.

So the windows themselves -- I did not see any photographs of the windows within the structure. And I know that that is normally a part of the requirement for a window survey.

And my question here is, although I know a metal window is not original, I'd like to know what is there. Do we still have the original frame? Do we still have the pulley and weight system there? Are the weight pockets there?

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Things of that nature, because if they are, then there's no reason to replace the entire window, which --

When you talk about replacing windows, you're not -- you're talking about pulling the frame and the sashes. But if the frame is still there, then you can simply do a repair, which would consist of building new sashes and putting the sashes in the existing openings, thereby maintaining the historic integrity of the windows -- openings themselves.

Do we have photographs of the windows?
THE CHAIRMAN: That would be a question for staff at the moment.

MR. WELLS: Through the Chair to the app- -- not the applicant, the customer here, we do have pictures of the structure on file. I don't believe they're included in the book package because this was administrative, but, essentially, this does stem from a series of violations, and so the -- the survey on file is from several months ago.

But in terms of our analysis, yeah, we did look at the existing windows, we did make a determination overall that, because they're

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metal, that we -- they are warranted for replacement.

THE CHAIRMAN: All right. Thank you.
MS. PRYOR: So is there not any -- so I
guess my -- again, this is part of -- although
you said this was administrative, but this is included with this particular COA request, so I believe that it is something that we should discuss here and -- and especially since there's somebody like myself that's brought it up.

I believe that the -- all of the information relative to the COA that's being presented here today needs to be provided to the public. And had that happened, maybe I wouldn't have even had this question.

I would request that we defer this particular item until we can take a look at what the actual windows look like inside and see exactly what's going on. I would hate to -- and this is something that you'll hear me talk about a little bit later as well, in that window replacement, that's what people come in and talk about. They want to replace their windows, but what they generally give you a

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picture of is the sash that needs work. The frames are traditionally in really good shape.

So that's my -- that's my concern here, and I would appreciate it if the Commission would take that into consideration.

Thank you.
THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.
Is there anyone else here to speak on this COA?

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: (No response.)
THE CHAIRMAN: All right. With that, we'll close the public hearing, and I'll entertain a motion. COMMISSIONER GREGORY: Motion to approve COA-23-29861 for 141 5th Street East with the current conditions on the COA. COMMISSIONER GLOBER: Second.
THE CHAIRMAN: All right. Thoughts, concerns?

COMMISSIONER GREGORY: Just judging by the front elevation of this home, I would suggest -- or I would think that these front first-story windows are likely not the original size of those windows. They're very undersized. There's no porch here or there's a

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that, a question of the condition of the jambs and the sill and the head of the windows, not necessarily just the sashes.

And so I think that's what -- that's what deserves discussion before we vote on it, is at least setting up a -- some dialogue about how -- and maybe this is something for the future, Arimus, but how windows are discussed in terms of restoration and the language that's used in discussing that restoration.

Does that make sense?
COMMISSIONER GREGORY: Yeah.
COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: I believe what's in question here is that the -- the windows that are in the historic openings that are being proposed to be removed, those may have been installed without completely removing the jamb, head and sill of the historic window. Only the top and bottom sash were removed. And so that's the question that's being brought forward.

Is there evidence that the entire window, as a unit, was removed? Because, as you know, a lot of these windows were handmade in the field. That's what I think we need to discuss.

THE CHAIRMAN: Well, let's discuss that. COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: So --
MS. PRYOR: If I may? If I may?
THE CHAIRMAN: Give us one second.
MS. PRYOR: Okay.
COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: So, for me, it's a question of how we might ask the windows to be documented before we -- as part of the report, and then the Commission seeing it as part of the -- the evidence of replacement or repair and (inaudible) us to vote on it.

And then in this particular case, is this enough -- does the -- does staff, through their investigation and report, feel like they have enough evidence to stand by the recommendation that's been made to the Commission in light of the -- this discussion, so --

Opinions?
THE CHAIRMAN: Well, yes. For me, these being nonhistoric windows, I understand the remnants -- again, possibly the remnants of the original windows could still be there. That, to me, is almost -- I don't want to say a step too far, but, I mean, these are nonhistoric windows that were clearly replaced.

Diane M. Tropia, Inc., Post Office Box 2375, Jacksonville, FL 32203 (904) 821-0300 pictures, but the survey is very extensive and
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the staff report is as well, so we appreciate that. And I would tend to agree with the other commissioners.

MS. LOPERA: Mr. Chair, if I could just get a little information.

So the scope of work includes seven items in the staff report. Five of the seven were administratively approved. Had the applicant only asked for those five, you would have never seen this, including those windows.

And so what staff has provided you, yes, it's the window survey, but that's already been administratively approved, and there's no obligation to provide evidence to the public for administratively approved COAs.

So really before you is only Number 1 and 2, restore the front porch on the first floor and restore the front porch on the second floor.

THE CHAIRMAN: That makes things a little more straightforward, then.

I believe we have a motion and a second.
All those in favor?
COMMISSION MEMBERS: Aye.
THE CHAIRMAN: Those opposed?
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COMMISSION MEMBERS: (No response.)
THE CHAIRMAN: Hearing none, you have approved COA-23-29861.

And we will move right along.
COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: Can we pause for a second?

THE CHAIRMAN: Sure.
COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: In light of the discussion that's been brought forward in regard to the COA -- and thank you, Counsel, for pointing out the sort of specificity of this particular case.

I think that -- I think it is something that we should probably speak about a little bit more in terms of window assessment. And this is a specific kind of situation where there's an existing retrofitted window in a historic opening, to maybe make -- talk about perhaps documenting things a bit more extensively so that there is proof that the entire window as a unit was removed or 90 percent of it was removed.

You know, there might be a threshold there that would support the situation for the applicant or support the situation for Planning

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to say that, hey, you need to repair this window because there's still enough of it left, or could be, not to -- not to give you more work to do.

THE CHAIRMAN: All right. With that, we'll move on to COA-24-30330, 1616 Ionia Street.

Is the applicant here for COA-24-30330?
AUDIENCE MEMBER: (Indicating.)
THE CHAIRMAN: I'll call you up in a second. We're going to get a quick staff report.

Thank you.
MR. WELLS: Thank you.
This is COA-24-30330 for property located at 1616 Ionia Street. So this COA seeks to construct a two-story detached accessory structure behind a recently constructed single-family residence within the Springfield Historic District.

The primary structure on the property is a frame-vernacular-styled home that's characterized by its hip roof and a full-width porch and 1-over-1 windows. As proposed, the scope of work includes the construction of a

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576-square-foot accessory structure. This
structure in particular will be located on the northwestern corner of the lot and will consist of a shingled hip roof to match the primary 1-over-1 windows and casement windows, fiber cement lap siding, a stair system, two pedestrian doors and a single garage door.

So in accordance with our design guidelines, as well as making sure this matches architecturally with the primary structure, we found that it is consistent and compatible, and we forward to you a recommendation for approval.

THE CHAIRMAN: All right. Questions for staff?

COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: Through the Chair, were there discussions about the graphics of the drawings? Because I do -- you know, I noticed this when I was looking at it, (inaudible) just for graphic errors because -it's a hip roof, but the way it's -- the way it's delineated in the drawings, it's a bit -it's not drawn completely correct. Was that addressed? It is really a hip roof, not a gable?

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MR. WELLS: Yeah.
COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: Okay.
MR. WELLS: Through the Chair to
Commissioner Montoya, we did have an extensive discussion about just the revision -- we made a lot of revisions in correspondence with the applicant, but, ultimately, this is the closest we could get to what would be depicted in -and match compatibly with the primary.

COMMISSIONER HOFF: Through the Chair to staff, the doors don't have any detail, although they -- just the appearance of glass doors on all the different elevations. So I didn't know if that was just an incomplete graphic or the intention was to do completely flat doors with no detail.

MR. WELLS: Through the Chair to Commissioner Hoff, that is something that -again, we were working with the applicant to get this -- or make substantial changes to conform to the design guidelines as well as the primary structure, so some of the detailing in terms of the windows -- or not even the windows I should say, but the doors, they weren't specified in this instance. The applicant

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could come in and do a minor mod to change the -- or explicitly define what the door detail will be.

One thing to note, too, we didn't apply a harsh level of scrutiny in terms of the doors because it was not street visible. It will be facing the alleyway, and --

MS. PRYOR: Arimus, is your mic on?
MR. WELLS: Yes, it is.
But, yeah, we -- we just -- that's in the report, the comments.

COMMISSIONER HOFF: Through the Chair, would it be possible to have -- add a condition regarding -- that the doors will be approved by staff?

THE CHAIRMAN: It could be, depending on what we're looking at. I mean, if we have a -a game plan in mind for what -- I guess what you want the doors to be.

COMMISSIONER HOFF: Sure. So, typically, the doors -- typically, exterior doors have some kind of like transparent (inaudible) to them. Given that these are not facing the street -- and I totally understand if they do not, but even doors with nontransparent

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portions have some level of detail to them. They are not completely flat, so --

MS. LOPERA: Through the Chair, we're still just in the staff report. We haven't opened the public hearing or anything yet. So that discussion --

THE CHAIRMAN: Yeah. With that, we'll open the public hearing.

The applicant can come on up.
(Audience member approaches the podium.)
THE CHAIRMAN: If you'll state your name and address.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Reginald Northecide, 1660 Ionia, Jacksonville, Florida 32206.

THE CHAIRMAN: She's going to swear you in real quick.

THE REPORTER: If you would raise your right hand for me, please.

MR. NORTHECIDE: (Complies.)
THE REPORTER: Do you affirm that the testimony you are about to give will be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth?

MR. NORTHECIDE: Yes, I do.
THE REPORTER: Thank you.
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THE CHAIRMAN: All right. I presume you agreed to all the conditions laid out by staff?

MR. NORTHECIDE: I did.
THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. Let's talk doors real quick.

MR. NORTHECIDE: Mr. Hoff, I know you guys -- I -- I do see his point about no detail in the window. We talked about the French doors in the -- in the back. I am open to -or I am looking at putting some glass doors, similar to the French doors, on the back of my house. And those will be in the back of my yard, so they will have the privacy.

My previous home that I lived in had a solid door, and I'm guessing you're talking about just the architecture around that?

COMMISSIONER HOFF: Yes.
MR. NORTHECIDE: And I do plan to put a
similar door like that, and I -- but it
probably will have no window on it.
THE CHAIRMAN: On the back side?
MR. NORTHECIDE: The one on the back -- to the left of the garage door.

THE CHAIRMAN: Correct.
All right. Any other questions for our
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applicant at the moment?
COMMISSION MEMBERS: (No response.)
THE CHAIRMAN: All right. We'll call you back up if we need you.

MR. NORTHECIDE: Thank you.
THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.
All right. Is anybody else here to speak on this COA?

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: (No response.)
THE CHAIRMAN: All right. With that, I'll
close the public hearing, and I'll entertain a motion.

COMMISSIONER GREGORY: Motion to approve COA-24-30330, 1616 Ionia Street, with the conditions that were approved.

And can we make a request for staff approval on these doors here or --

MS. LOPERA: Through the Chair, if you want to move to approve with conditions and add an additional condition, you can do that, and add the staff approval of the doors -- or however you want to --

COMMISSIONER GREGORY: Okay. And a motion to approve the -- with conditions, with the access door to the garage having architectural

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details approved by staff.
COMMISSIONER GLOBER: Second.
THE CHAIRMAN: We have a second.
Okay. So we've got, what, three doors going into this? One being up top and two on the bottom? And we want architectural on the doors to the -- the double door, correct? COMMISSIONER GREGORY: I'm talking about the one next to the garage. The garage is facing the street, if I'm correct, right?

THE CHAIRMAN: It's facing the alley.
COMMISSIONER GREGORY: That's the alley?
COMMISSIONER HOFF: So --
MS. LOPERA: Did that motion get a second?
THE CHAIRMAN: It did.
MS. LOPERA: It did. Okay.
THE CHAIRMAN: Commissioner Glober.
COMMISSIONER HOFF: So, through the Chair,
I had written down the front elevation, which
that is considered the front (indicating), the
top, and then the right elevation, because
those doors are the -- would be the most visible.

THE CHAIRMAN: So strictly the door that's facing the alley, correct?

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COMMISSIONER HOFF: The door facing the alley, which our alleys are very much used, and the door on the right elevation.

COMMISSIONER GREGORY: Second (inaudible) door, right?

COMMISSIONER HOFF: Yes.
THE CHAIRMAN: So I'm personally fine doing some sort of, you know, depth play on the bottom door, but I, personally, wouldn't want to put glass on that door.

COMMISSIONER HOFF: So through the Chair, I'm not talking about glass.

THE CHAIRMAN: Okay.
COMMISSIONER HOFF: I'm just asking for the doors to be approved by staff.

THE CHAIRMAN: Gotcha.
COMMISSIONER HOFF: Not --
COMMISSIONER GREGORY: That's a good clarification. I agree.

THE CHAIRMAN: Well, let's -- I guess
let's lay out, then, what you're looking for
staff to approve, then, just -- just to get an
idea of what you'd like to see.
COMMISSIONER HOFF: Through the Chair, an exterior door that is reflective of the

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character of other exterior doors not facing
the street.
THE CHAIRMAN: Okay.
COMMISSIONER GREGORY: And no requirement of a window on that door --

COMMISSIONER HOFF: Correct.
(Simultaneous speaking.)
THE CHAIRMAN: Same (inaudible), so --
Good there?
MR. WELLS: Yes.
THE CHAIRMAN: All right. All those in favor?

COMMISSION MEMBERS: Aye.
THE CHAIRMAN: Those opposed?
COMMISSION MEMBERS: (No response.)
THE CHAIRMAN: Hearing none, you've approved COA-24-30330.

MS. LOPERA: Mr. Chair, if I could get a clarification before you move on?

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.
MS. LOPERA: So you just approved that the exterior door to the left of the garage door is the only one that needs additional staff approval unless they select their door --

THE CHAIRMAN: As well as the second story
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door.
MS. LOPERA: And the second story --
COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: The apartment entry door.

THE CHAIRMAN: The apartment entry door.
MS. LOPERA: Thank you.
THE CHAIRMAN: All right. We're going to
move on to Number 9 on the consent agenda,
COA-23-29954, 1918 Morningside Street.
MR. WELLS: Application COA-23-29954,
1918 Morningside Street, seeks to do an
after-the-fact window replacement on a contributing structure in the Riverside Avondale Historic District. So this property is located on an interior lot, but it consists of a two-story Tudor-Revival-styled home.

The after-the-fact work includes installing five windows, which was previously approved under COA-20-24394, and that's included within the book package itself for further reference.

So these windows were essentially being approved under a new COA to commence that work.
And there's still administrative work that
they're looking to do as well for window
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replacement, three nonoriginal windows.
Other than that, we forward to you a recommendation for approval with the conditions noted in the report.

THE CHAIRMAN: All right. Questions for staff?

COMMISSION MEMBERS: (No response.)
THE CHAIRMAN: All right. We'll open the public hearing.

Is the applicant here?
AUDIENCE MEMBER: (Indicating.)
THE CHAIRMAN: You can come on up.
(Audience member approaches the podium.)
THE CHAIRMAN: If you'll state your name and address.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Joel Steele, 505 South
Steel Bridge Road, St. Johns, Florida 32259.
THE CHAIRMAN: Joel, Diane is going to swear you in.

THE REPORTER: If you would raise your right hand for me, please.

MR. STEELE: (Complies.)
THE REPORTER: Do you affirm that the testimony you are about to give will be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the

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truth?
MR. STEELE: Yes, I do.
THE REPORTER: Thank you.
THE CHAIRMAN: Joel, I presume you agree with all of the conditions --

MR. STEELE: Yes, sir, we do.
THE CHAIRMAN: -- staff has given you?
Okay. Any questions for Joel at the moment?

COMMISSION MEMBERS: (No response.)
THE CHAIRMAN: We'll call you if we need you.

MR. STEELE: Thank you.
THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.
Is there anybody else here to speak on this COA?
(Ms. Pryor approaches the podium.)
THE CHAIRMAN: If you'll state your name and address.

MS. PRYOR: Say again?
THE CHAIRMAN: If you'll state your name and address.

MS. PRYOR: Kim Pryor, 245 West 5th
Street.
So --
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administratively again, like you did before, rather than bring it in front of the Commission?

I was confused by this one, which is why I wanted to discuss it.

MR. WELLS: No. So -- because the previous COA from 2020 went before the Commission, we felt it was prudent to bring it back before the Commission.

MS. PRYOR: Okay. Well, it doesn't really -- I mean, the work's already done, so there's nothing even -- to even talk about, so -- I mean, what type of windows were put in? What were approved? The windows that were approved, are they proper? Do they meet with our current window guidelines that we now have in place?

You know, just because it was approved at one point, before we had our window guidelines in place, doesn't mean that those same windows would meet the guidelines for today.

Those are the kinds of things I'm asking for this commission to think about. It's not just a straight, oh, well, we already approved it once, and they -- they didn't start until

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after a year or after, and so it expired. And, oh, they did it anyway, but -- things change. That's -- that's why I'm bringing this item up.

I don't think this is as black and white as you think it is, and that's -- I'm asking this commission to delve into it a little bit more and find out exactly what was done.

Thank you.
THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.
Is there anybody else here to speak on this COA?

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: (No response.)
THE CHAIRMAN: All right. With that, we'll close the public hearing, and I'll entertain a motion.

COMMISSIONER HOFF: Motion to approve
COA-23-29954 with the current conditions. COMMISSIONER GLOBER: Second.
THE CHAIRMAN: All right. Comments, concerns?

COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: Through the Chair, question for staff. So the way I understand the scenario here is there was a COA, it has expired, but work had been done during -sometime either before or after the COA

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expired, and so you're including it in this current COA just to -- because, as you said, you thought it was prudent because the time had been passed.

But in terms of the citizen's question just a moment ago, the -- the staff's review of the project deemed it according to the previous COA, and that's why it's on the consent agenda now?

MR. WELLS: Through the Chair to Commissioner Montoya, that is correct.

The original genesis of this application, it stemmed from the applicant wanting to do some administrative work. And so when we did our cursory review, we found that there was an expired COA in place for previously approved windows, so we felt, again, it was prudent to not only bring it before you again but also to include that after-the-fact work with the application itself.

In terms of our window design guidelines changing, they never changed -- it was a matter of just making sure we are putting out the information in a more transparent manner to the public. The design guidelines have not

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changed, so our approach to windows, interpreting them, has not changed since they were enacted back in the '90s.

COMMISSIONER GREGORY: Through the Chair, so the previous COA that was never finished out, is -- are the windows they're replacing in compliance with that COA that they were recalling after the fact in this instance?

MR. WELLS: Through the Chair to Commissioner Gregory, we found that they were in compliance. They are exterior raised profiled muntins and they do have the wood pattern that we -- the wood clad pattern that we conditioned in the previous COA, so, again, we found they are consistent.

COMMISSIONER GREGORY: Thank you.
THE CHAIRMAN: Any other questions for staff?

COMMISSION MEMBERS: (No response.)
THE CHAIRMAN: All right. With that, I'll take a vote.

All those in favor?
COMMISSION MEMBERS: Aye.
THE CHAIRMAN: Those opposed?
COMMISSION MEMBERS: (No response.)
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suitability for preservation and restoration.
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and ethnic minorities. These buildings and sites usually embody the unique history and culture of marginalized groups, including their struggles for dignity and full citizenship. So the determination of significance for such buildings and sites usually does not follow the traditional historic preservation model which is based more on high style architecture and the degree and nature of alterations and additions. Rather, it includes historical and cultural significance.

Some examples of this would be the West 26th Street Grocery, which reflects the historical trend of small commercial buildings that served black communities due to limited access to larger stores because of segregation and distance.

Built in 1930, the masonry vernacular style building was moved in 1959 from the original site at 3126 Old Kings Road to 2259 West 26th Street. The move may have been an opportunity to be located in the vibrant African-American neighborhood of Grand Park.

The second criteria relates to its

During our analysis, we found that the most significant alteration of the building appears to be the enclosure of the storefront with brick, which is readily reversible. The building also has no evidence of major deterioration and appears to be well-maintained over the years.

It is the stated intent of the owner to rehabilitate and reopen the store while having other sections of the large parcel used for community events.

So, again, based on those criteria, we found it is consistent and it does meet the eligibility requirements for landmarking, so we forward to you a recommendation.

THE CHAIRMAN: All right. Questions for staff?

COMMISSION MEMBERS: (No response.)
THE CHAIRMAN: All right. We'll open the public hearing.

Is the applicant here?
AUDIENCE MEMBER: (Indicating.)
THE CHAIRMAN: You can come on up.
(Audience members approach the podium.)
THE CHAIRMAN: Just one at a time, if you
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1 would.

If you'll state your name and address for me.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Andre Harrell, 2259 West 26th Street.

THE CHAIRMAN: All right. Andre, Diane is going to swear you in real quick.

THE REPORTER: If you would raise your right hand for me, please.

MR. HARRELL: (Complies.)
THE REPORTER: Do you affirm that the testimony you are about to give will be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth?

MR. HARRELL: Yes, ma'am.
THE REPORTER: Thank you.
THE CHAIRMAN: All right. Welcome.
If you can tell us a little bit about it.
MR. HARRELL: We -- this is my father's store, and he bought it, I think, in 1974, and I took over it in '95. And I've been trying to fill his dream, what he started. You know, and I got a little one that's coming up behind me too, and I want him to follow my footsteps.

You know, I have got -- kept the building
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up to par since I had it, you know, a new roof, a new whatever I had to do to it to keep it, you know, looking good for the neighborhood.

And it's in a neighbor- -- into where the neighborhood needs the store, you know, because -- for -- to get where I'm -- you got to go -- you got to go way here and way there, you know, just to get something. And I wanted to keep it going in the neighborhood because it just -- the neighborhood needs it.

THE CHAIRMAN: Very good.
Any questions for our applicant?
COMMISSION MEMBERS: (No response.)
THE CHAIRMAN: All right. Thank you.
We'll call you if we need you.
MR. HARRELL: Thank you.
THE CHAIRMAN: Is anybody else here to speak on this landmarking?

AUDIENCE MEMBER: (Indicating.)
THE CHAIRMAN: Come on up.
(Audience member approaches the podium.)
THE CHAIRMAN: If you'll just state your
name and address for me.
AUDIENCE MEMBER: Good afternoon.
I'm Angelia Wiggins. My address is 2230
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1 West 26th Street, of course, Jacksonville, Florida 32209.

THE CHAIRMAN: Angelia, she's going to swear you in real quick.

THE REPORTER: If you would raise your right hand for me, please.

MS. WIGGINS: (Complies.)
THE REPORTER: Do you affirm that the testimony you are about to give will be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth?

MS. WIGGINS: I do.
THE REPORTER: Thank you.
MS. WIGGINS: So I support the designation of West 26th Street Grocery store building as a historical landmark, not only as a significant piece of Grand Park's history but also to serve as a reminder of the importance of minority-owned businesses, small businesses at that, which the community is still in desperate need of.

The building was strategically placed to set an angle on the property, to be the forefront of the neighborhood, and to see it's well-maintained. Although unoccupied at the

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time, it still reflects the hopes and goals for unified prosperity, equal opportunities for all, and community involvement.

So I'm asking this commission to approve the designation on -- because of its positive impact on the Grand Park community in the present, future, and also because of the past. And as I stated earlier, I fully support the designation.

Thank you.
THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you so much.
Is anyone else here to speak on this landmarking?

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: (No response.)
THE CHAIRMAN: With that, we'll close the public hearing, and I'll entertain a motion.

COMMISSIONER GREGORY: Motion to approve
LM-24-04, 2259 West 26th Street.
COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: Second.
THE CHAIRMAN: Comments, concerns?
COMMISSION MEMBERS: (No response.)
THE CHAIRMAN: All those in favor?
COMMISSION MEMBERS: Aye.
THE CHAIRMAN: Those opposed?
COMMISSION MEMBERS: (No response.)
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THE CHAIRMAN: Hearing none, you have approved LM-24-04, and we will move on to --

COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: Through the Chair --

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.
COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: -- before we move
on to the -- to the applicant and the person
who spoke on behalf of the designation, thank you.

MS. WIGGINS: Thank you.
COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: This is not property that's being preserved by the City. And to make -- take action like this to preserve a building is greatly appreciated.

MS. WIGGINS: Thank you.
MR. HARRELL: Thank you.
THE CHAIRMAN: All right. With that, we're on to Section G, Certificates of
Appropriateness. We've got COA-24-30398, 1318 Dancy Street.

MR. WELLS: So application COA-24-30398, for the property located at 1318 Dancy Street, seeks to replace an original metal shingle roof on a one-story contributing structure.

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Riverside Avondale Historic District are rare and treated with more sensitivity when viewing appropriate replacement options due to the contribution they have to the district's architectural diversity.

The structure is surrounded by other one-story structures with a mixture of stucco, cinder block, brick, and wood features. The applicant currently is seeking to replace with a gray asphalt shingled roof.

We did run some administrative options by the applicant that we could approve, such as metal shingle, a shingled (inaudible) panel, 5 V crimp, or a standing seam design. But because the gray asphalt shingle is not original to the roof, nor does it imitate the appearance of the metal shingle, we are forwarding to you a recommendation for denial.

And end of report.
THE CHAIRMAN: All right. Questions for staff?

COMMISSION MEMBERS: (No response.)
THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. We'll open the public hearing.

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AUDIENCE MEMBER: Yes.
THE CHAIRMAN: You can come on up.
(Audience member approaches the podium.)
THE CHAIRMAN: If you'll state your name and address for me.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Debbie Field, 2259
Forest Boulevard.
THE CHAIRMAN: Debbie, Diane is going to swear you in.

THE REPORTER: If you would raise your right hand for me, please.

MS. FIELD: (Complies.)
THE REPORTER: Do you affirm that the testimony you are about to give will be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth?

MS. FIELD: Yes.
THE REPORTER: Thank you.
THE CHAIRMAN: Welcome in.
MS. FIELD: Thank you.
So I have been going back and forth with Arimus over some administrative options, and the homeowner has agreed to go with the metal roof. We are, however, asking not to have to install the silver metal roof because it's a

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red brick home. It, aesthetically, just will not look nice. She is asking for a dark bronze roof, which is similar to the rusty color of the roof now.

The roof is 86 years old, and we did our best to try to make repairs or clean it up.
We've cleaned much of the debris off, but it -it's not salvageable. And for insurance purposes, for the new owner, they really do need to replace the entire roof system.

So she has agreed to go with the metal but is asking if she could have a deviation in the color, silver to a bronze, something that would be more aesthetically pleasing to the eye and match the home.

THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. We will chat about that.

MS. FIELD: Okay.
THE CHAIRMAN: Did you pass that out, by chance, the --

MS. FIELD: This (indicating)?
THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.
MS. FIELD: Absolutely.
(Complies.)
THE CHAIRMAN: Any questions for our
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applicant currently?
COMMISSION MEMBERS: (No response.)
THE CHAIRMAN: All right. We'll call you back if we need you.

MS. FIELD: Okay. Thank you.
THE CHAIRMAN: Is anybody else here to speak on this COA?
(Ms. Pryor approaches the podium.)
MS. PRYOR: Kim Pryor, 245 West 5th.
THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.
MS. PRYOR: I wanted to say that the -- I heard what Arimus said about the metal roofs and so forth, and -- and my thought here was, well, gosh, why don't they require Springfield properties to go back to metal when they were originally metal? It seems a bit inconsistent to me.

I like the fact that they -- that they wanted them to go back with metal if that was the original roof on it. I didn't look at the Sanborn map to see if it said what the original roofing material was, but --

Again, it seems to be a little inconsistent between the different historic districts in that oftentimes properties in

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Springfield are allowed to reroof from metal to asphalt shingle administratively, but yet in his -- in Riverside, in this case, this particular home was -- was denied -recommended to be denied. And I'm just -- I'm just bringing this to your attention, using this as an example.

And, again, I like the fact that they said, yes, this needs to stay metal, but we're inconsistent with the way that we treat properties across the different historic districts, and I think that is a problem and something that needs to be taken into consideration.

And that's all I wanted to bring up.
Thank you.
THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.
Is there anybody else here to speak on this COA?

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: (No response.)
THE CHAIRMAN: All right. With that, we'll close the public hearing, and I'll entertain a motion.

COMMISSIONER GREGORY: Before we get a motion here, I have a procedural question.

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So if the homeowner has agreed to do a metal roof, then we need to amend this, or do we need to send this -- defer this? I mean, I'm not sure how to handle a motion here.

MS. LOPERA: Through the Chair to Commissioner Gregory, your motion would be to approve, but then you'll have to come up with your own conditions. Perhaps staff can offer some conditions if you want to condition color or whatever you want to condition.

COMMISSIONER GREGORY: Got it.
Thank you.
COMMISSIONER HOFF: Through the Chair, if I may, a question for staff.

I know that in Springfield the color is something that the staff has had an opinion on. Since metal roofs are much more rare in Riverside/Avondale, has the staff -- do you have an opinion on the color of the metal?

MR. WELLS: Through the Chair to Commissioner Hoff, in both districts, in terms of metal roof replacements, we would rather the -- in terms of our approach, we recommend that they imitate the color. So we do consider the -- it a character-defining piece.

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Springfield is a little bit different, obviously, because of the preponderance of it, but, yes, color -- just to answer your question, yes.

COMMISSIONER HOFF: Okay. So through the Chair to staff, just to clarify, you would -your recommendation would be for the color to reflect the color of the roof that's there now?

MR. WELLS: Through the Chair to Commissioner Hoff, that is correct.

THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. Any other questions for staff at the moment?

COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: Just to clarify, through the Chair, question for staff. This is calling out a metal shingle, correct? Not a standing seam metal roof, this is calling out for it to be a metal shingle? There's a difference, yes?

MR. WELLS: Through the Chair to Commissioner Montoya, just to clarify, are you asking what the current material is or what they're proposing?

COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: What would be approved is (inaudible) to replace it with
metal shingle, not standing seam; is that
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correct?
MR. WELLS: No. So at the administrative level, they have four options they can be applied -- or approved for. So metal single or a shingle step panel, 5V crimp, or a standing seam design, so those -- yeah.

COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: All right.
COMMISSIONER GREGORY: So I think what Commissioner Montoya may be saying is that we can't determine at what specific type of roof -- the metal roof. We have -- they can have any of the four options.

THE CHAIRMAN: Well, we could.
(Simultaneous speaking.)
COMMISSIONER GREGORY: (Inaudible.)
COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: So I guess as far as our discussion, the thing at issue here -well, there's two things. Do we want to simply deny the -- or do we want to make a motion to approve with this particular color? Because it sounds like the -- this -- it sounds like from a (inaudible) --

MS. PRYOR: We can't hear you.
COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: Excuse me.
It sounds like what needs to be discussed
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between us, before we amend the motion, is the color. I don't think we have an issue with the metal roof, but it's the color.

THE CHAIRMAN: Well --
MS. FIELD: Can I show you some current existing pictures of the roof?
(Inaudible.)
THE CHAIRMAN: You have to come up. That's fine. I'll take some current pictures if you've got them.
(Ms. Field approaches the podium.)
THE CHAIRMAN: We can approve -- we can approve a standing seam with a silver roof if we wanted to, and that's what they could do.

COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: Sure.
THE CHAIRMAN: I'd prefer to get to an amenable approval, correct --

COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: Agreed.
THE CHAIRMAN: -- rather than having to go back and -- if we denied this, could they go admin next month with a standing seam roof with --

MR. WELLS: They could.
THE CHAIRMAN: But either way -- if we can get it done today, great.

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COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: Yeah, that's an option.

MR. WELLS: One thing to note, too, just while the pictures are being distributed, the applicant did submit some photos too. I have them on the screen right now.

One note that they did make was that, because of the condition of the roof being very old and historic, the appearance of it does already have that brown color. So that's another reason why they wanted to with the brown metal.

THE CHAIRMAN: So that sample wasn't really brown to me. It was more like a dark -it looked like a dark gray to me.

COMMISSIONER GREGORY: Yeah, it was a dark bronze. It's not --
(Simultaneous speaking.)
COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: So let's back up just a little bit because there was something that -- something exchanged between you two.

It sounded -- if I heard this correctly, if we -- if we approve the (inaudible) of the application, this does not prevent the applicant from coming back immediately with a
metal roof and you being able to approve it administratively?

MR. WELLS: That is correct.
COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: And so I would suggest that that's probably the path of -- the straightest course for us to get the applicant to a solution for their project.

THE CHAIRMAN: Yeah, but we could -couldn't we just -- we could just approve a standing seam metal roof today.

COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: The only reason I bring that up is because of the citizen's comments earlier, that it -- I think that it does bring to light the necessity to discuss some other things regarding metal roofs in the future. But it's six to one-half a dozen to the other, so --

THE CHAIRMAN: Let's --
COMMISSIONER GREGORY: And through the Chair, if we were to deny this application, is there an additional cost for a new
administrative fee for the owners?
MR. WELLS: Through the Chair to
Commissioner Gregory, administrative
applications are free.
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THE CHAIRMAN: But if we're good today with the standing seam roof, I don't see why we can't just move forward rather than to have to apply again --

COMMISSIONER FRICK: I think we would need to see what type of standing seam in conjunction with -- so we would need to see the profile, I would assume --

MS. FIELD: I do have the profile. We were planning to use the 5 V crimp.

MS. LOPERA: Come up to the microphone, please, ma'am.
(Ms. Field approaches the podium.)
MS. FIELD: So this shows the profile (indicating). It is not an individual shingle, it's a panel, but it is one of the approved options that we were given. So that -- that's what we would need to be -- you know, we would plan to use.

And like we were talking before, she's going to double her cost of replacing her roof to go with the metal, so I'm just hopeful that we can at least make it look nice.

THE CHAIRMAN: Sure.
MS. FIELD: Does anyone want this?
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THE CHAIRMAN: Yeah, sure.
COMMISSIONER GREGORY: Through the --
THE CHAIRMAN: So another option we can do here is say, hey, we approve -- we're going to approve the standing seam roof, you know, deeming staff's approval. They've done the groundwork for us. And we can give them -- we can give staff final approval on what they've already done.

MS. FIELD: I just don't want to have to come back in a month, but I'm --

THE CHAIRMAN: Yeah, I understand. I'm trying to --
(Simultaneous speaking.)
COMMISSIONER GREGORY: (Inaudible.)
THE CHAIRMAN: I'm trying my best to get you --

COMMISSIONER GREGORY: (Inaudible) question also. We haven't had a -- do we have a motion on this yet?

Would you prefer us to make a decision today or do you want us to deny this and go back with an administrative later? Do you want us to go ahead and make a decision today on this?

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MS. FIELD: Well, I mean, that would be preferable, but I want to do whatever is going to give us the best chance of getting what the homeowner is asking for and, hopefully, not have to go, you know, through another hearing, if possible.

COMMISSIONER GREGORY: I understand.
THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. We'll call you back up if we need you.

MS. FIELD: Okay. Thank you.
THE CHAIRMAN: So we don't have a motion on the table, but I think we should get to, at a minimum, in my opinion, a motion to approve with staff conditions as far as the standing seam roof goes.

COMMISSIONER GREGORY: Motion to approve COA-24-30398, 1318 Dancy Street, for the replacement of the roof with a metal roof with staff conditions and staff approval.

MS. LOPERA: Color as approved by the staff as well?

THE CHAIRMAN: No. We're going to talk about that.
(Simultaneous speaking.)
COMMISSIONER GREGORY: (Inaudible.)
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MS. LOPERA: With one condition, that it's a metal roof as approved by the Historic Planning Section?

COMMISSIONER GREGORY: Yes.
COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: Second.
THE CHAIRMAN: Now let's talk color.
MS. FIELD: So what does that mean?
THE CHAIRMAN: Well, we're getting there.
We're going to --
MS. FIELD: Oh, okay.
THE CHAIRMAN: We're going to talk color and then -- yeah.

How do we feel about the color?
COMMISSIONER HOFF: Through the Chair, I would support the staff's position that the color of the new -- that since the roof is deemed of significance, contributing to the character of this house, that the color be reflective of what has been the color of the roof traditionally, which appears, from the photographs, to be mostly some type of silverish with some wear and tear over the decades that's brownish.

THE CHAIRMAN: I will say, in my opinion, I think the one that they're proposing is

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almost closer, personally. I mean, I --
COMMISSIONER GREGORY: Through the Chair, I would say that -- question for staff. Is it possible this roof was painted? I mean, a lot of (inaudible) peeling off of here. Was that all just rust? I mean, I've seen metal roofs painted before.

MS. FIELD: Yeah, there's no indication that it was painted.

COMMISSIONER GREGORY: From the applicant, no indication of painting. So we're assuming the silver is original, then?

MR. WELLS: Through the Chair to Commissioner Gregory, that is correct.

Just based on the photos that the applicant provided, it doesn't appear to be painted.

THE CHAIRMAN: So the dark bronze to me comes off more of a dark gray, which I think, to me, is relatively close to this. I think the silver is going to be a little -- a good deal lighter than what's currently on the roof.

But with that said, I don't have a strong feeling on this, so if anybody else has thoughts, I'd love to hear it.

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COMMISSIONER GREGORY: I would agree with you, that if you go with silver, it's going to come off extremely shiny. It's going to reflect a lot of light. It will be very -- it will stand out, which is maybe what you're going for, but I would be okay with the darker color that was proposed by the applicant.

COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: Through the Chair, you know, there are many more colors than the two that were shown to us, and that's why they're available. That's why I'm suggesting that this be approved by staff rather than us making a decision on two small samples that we're seeing.

And in regards to silver roofs, they all start out shiny, but they dull over time. So that -- that's another aspect to consider.

I feel like, typically, this would be something handled administratively, unless there was a specific color that the applicant just really wanted and wanted to bring it before the Commission. So that's why I think that -- I think that the -- it should be entirely administratively approved rather than us picking colors. I'm not sure that's our --

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what we should be doing.
THE CHAIRMAN: Yeah, but it does seem like the applicant has a specific color that they brought in, and that's the --

I guess I'd be fine with a dark gray. As you said, there are a lot of colors, so it -to me, it isn't (inaudible) to be a stark silver.

COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: And that -- that's my -- through the Chair, that's my issue with the -- with the bronze. That also is going to fade over time and turn into the light brown. The sun is going to have an effect on the dark bronze and it fades over time. We've all seen a dark bronze storefront and dark bronze roofing materials, so -- but that's my -that's my --

MR. WELLS: If I may, to the Commission, we're -- staff is not opposed to working with the applicant, of course, to come up with an administrative option. The only thing we would need guidance from you-all on is just the color because we would consider the color character defining. So if we can limit it to some options, we can tailor the applicant in the

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right direction.
THE CHAIRMAN: So I think -- maybe instead of bronze, we push for a -- it doesn't necessarily have to be light silver, but we could go to a darker gray --

COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: Charcoal.
THE CHAIRMAN: -- somewhere in that realm as opposed to bronze. I think it would make us all happy if (inaudible).

MR. WELLS: Okay.
COMMISSIONER GREGORY: So through the Chair, maybe approving a silver, dark gray, or light -- somewhat lighter gray, maybe like a charcoal color?

THE CHAIRMAN: Somewhere in that realm.
COMMISSIONER GREGORY: Somewhere in that range, I guess.

THE CHAIRMAN: And we'll give staff the final say.

MR. WELLS: Okay.
THE CHAIRMAN: Let's see. You're going to have to probably amend your motion to add that.

COMMISSIONER GREGORY: All right. I'd like to amend my motion for COA-24-30398, 1318 Dancy Street, to replacement of the roof with a

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metal roof with staff approval of the roofing proposal, as well as colors in the silver, gray, dark gray, charcoal-type color, that type of range. That could be done administratively.

COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: Second.
THE CHAIRMAN: All those in favor?
COMMISSION MEMBERS: Aye.
THE CHAIRMAN: Those opposed? COMMISSION MEMBERS: (No response.)
THE CHAIRMAN: All right. We'll vote on
the motion as amended.
All those in favor?
COMMISSION MEMBERS: Aye.
THE CHAIRMAN: Those opposed?
COMMISSION MEMBERS: (No response.)
THE CHAIRMAN: Hearing none, you have approved COA-24-30398, and we will move along to COA-24-30120, 125 3rd Street East.

And can we have all of the things she brought up?

Just a quick announcement. If you're COA is approved or you were on consent, you're free to leave. Just FYI, if anyone is sticking around unnecessarily.

MR. WELLS: So this is application
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COA-24-30120 for the property located at 125 3rd Street East.

So before I begin my report, I do just want to go through the package itself. Included within the book is -- well, in the staff report there is a list of enforcement -Code Enforcement history. So this will detail the entire list of cases against that particular property since 20--- actually, 1998.

On the next page there's a COA and permit history, so all permits that the property has been applied for, or at least filed.

Also included within the book is a list of staff photos, applicant photos. We did supply you with three engineer letters provided by the applicant. On the next section there's a portion that details the licensing -- the license status of those engineers.

And then on the last section is just letters of support and opposition. So we do have one letter of opposition in the packet here, but mainly in the book itself there's letters of support. So there should be two notated. And then I did pass out a hard copy

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here of some additional letters. So the first letter is a letter of opposition from SPAR, just detailing their recommendation for denial.

The second page goes into another letter of support. This is from Mr. Dolan Poole (phonetic). The third page just goes into the -- actually, another letter of support from Mr. John Dyal (phonetic). And then the last page goes into the licensing status of Mr. Dyal, who spoke on behalf -- as a project manager.

So, once again, this application, this is seeking to demolish a two-story contributing structure within the Springfield Historic District. The property is located on an interior lot and it's bounded by new construction homes to the east and west.

The structure is characterized as a frame vernacular-style building with significant alterations over the years. Once again, three structural engineer reports were found -- were supplied, and they found the structure to be unsafe, exhibits signs of damage from wood destroying organisms and water rot and be cost prohibitive.

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So the City's Municipal Code Compliance Division has condemned the structure and declared it unsafe. According to the attached enforcement history, the property has been subject to enforcement activity by MCCD for over 18 years with no habitable result.

Since its first condemnation in 2007, property ownership has changed five times. According to archival and permitting research, staff could not find any evidence of the last four owners making any attempt to rehabilitate the structure, and we did this through looking through permits and COAs.

However, when the current owner purchased the property in November of 2019, attempts to rehabilitate the structure were made through two different COAs. So the first one was COA-2019-2022- -- or -22785, which was approved in May of 2021. And then the second one was COA-22-27134, which was approved by the Commission in June of 2022.

So despite being approved for a permit in 2020 by staff and May of ' 21 , the rehabilitation plans never materialized.

So we did look at the application in
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accordance with our design guidelines, our Code criteria, and the Secretary of Interior
standards. We found that the proposed
demolition of the structure will not have a significant impact on the surrounding properties due to the structure lacking many of the significant architectural details common in historic structures and most of the historic details and fabric being removed or deteriorated.

We did find that the demolition can be completed within a reasonable period of time. And, once again, we did state the subject structure has been -- has been heavily altered, and so -- some of these alterations include the enclosure of the first floor front porch as well as a second floor front porch, which have been -- they've experienced collapsing in the past few years.

Enclosure of the first floor front porch, removal of historic wood siding, partial removal of the historic metal roof, inappropriate removal of the historic wood windows with metal windows. There's alterations and removal of the window openings
and alterations and removal of the porch columns and railings.

We do find that the subject structure does not have design elements that are -- that would make reproduction difficult and impossible. And, again, we found that the frame vernacular style of this building can be found frequently within the district itself.

And according to the applicant, if the building is demolished, a new residential structure will be constructed on the subject property. And the applicant has provided plans to demonstrate that.

The applicant has provided three opinions from licensed structural engineers. So the first one, which is dated January 31st of 2017, the second one is September 18th of 2017, and the third one is from November 7th of 2023, which all, again, found the structure to be in extreme disrepair, structurally unsafe, damage from wood destroying organisms, water rot, and cost prohibitive.

Furthermore, staff did conduct a site visit of the property on February 2nd. And by supporting documentation as well as the photos

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we took, we found that the amount of rehabilitation in order to restore it back to habitable use would be extensive.

We also did document termite damage and wood rot on the framing pieces inside of the structure. And some of the structural framing appears to have shifted such that the framing and beams are no longer in proper alignment.

The applicant did not provide any details regarding economic return, but, again, given the absence of exterior siding, the absence of windows, exposures in the roof, enclosure of the front and rear porches, and evidence of a compromised foundation and framing system, there's a possibility that the costs to rehabilitate the property are significant.

Of course, with demolitions, we do try to work with the applicant to explore feasible alternatives to demolition, such as relocation, rehabilitation, mothballing, and reuse by the current owner of a prospective buyer.

According to the applicant, they do not have an interest in selling the property. And based on staff's finding, no other feasible alternatives to demolition are readily

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apparent. Moreover, the structure does not have enough structural integrity for relocation to be considered.

Staff was also not provided any evidence to support a potential claim of undue economic hardship.

And based on these reasonings and the Code criteria, we do forward to you a recommendation for approval.

THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. Questions for staff? COMMISSION MEMBERS: (No response.)
THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you for that report.
All right. With that, we'll open the
public hearing.
Is the applicant here?
AUDIENCE MEMBER: Yes.
THE CHAIRMAN: You can come on up.
(Audience member approaches the podium.)
THE CHAIRMAN: If you'll just state your name and address.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Frank Butler, 126 East 3rd Street, Jacksonville, Florida.

THE CHAIRMAN: All right. Frank, Diane is going to swear you in.

THE REPORTER: If you would raise your
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right hand for me, please.
MR. BUTLER: (Complies.)
THE REPORTER: Do you affirm that the testimony you are about to give will be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth?

MR. BUTLER: I do.
THE REPORTER: Thank you.
THE CHAIRMAN: All right. Frank, anything to add to the staff report?

MR. BUTLER: A couple of things.
The letter from SPAR, okay, so I know they were saying that there was two COAs. The COA-19-22785, I'm not familiar with that one because I know when I really got into doing this project, it was COA-22-27134, and that's when I met Susan and Mr. Wells and -- and Jeremy [sic] out at the property.

The actual permit -- they saying it was approved permit $B 20$. We did not raise a permit. I looked this permit up, and it was for a demo team.

During when I first got the property, Mike, who was a -- an inspector, called me over and we had a conversation. He said,

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Mr. Butler, what are you going to do with the property? I said I was going to renovate the property. And he said that you need make sure you mow the grass, keep everything closed and everything. I told him, okay, I will; take my number just in case anything happens.

Years after that there, I notice that -- I got a call from him saying that the front part of the house had caved in. And I -- if anybody -- they -- remember, it was falling down, they said it was an unsafe situation. So we need to address that situation. So it was --

When I went there, it was falling in, so I had guys come in there and remove the stuff that was falling down for a safe situation, and I -- when I looked this up and had my contractor to look up the B20, he said it must have been a City -- had them to put the demo in, but that -- when I researched it, that demo was never approved, so, no, I never had a permit to start construction.

At that time, when I met Arimus and everybody over at the property, you know, even though I had the two engineering reports saying

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that this place was deteriorated, you know, termite infested and all this here, I still took it upon myself to say, you know, I'm going to go through and try to renovate this property. And I got a contractor, and he got a project manager, who also does engineering work, to come over there and look at it in 2022, after we got the COA approved.

So I'm waiting for this structural engineer part because, as each one of you know, for a property of this -- of this statue [sic], the only way you can get the permit is if you have structural plans because it's a structural detail.

So waiting for the structural plans, I was in coordination with Jeremy [sic], who's HPC, letting him know, hey, we're trying to get the structural plans to go ahead and do it.

So while I was doing that, I built the house next to it, 121 East 3rd Street. And everybody in the neighborhood said, Mr. Butler, what are you going to do with this structure? I said, I'm going to renovate it. I'm just waiting on the structural plans to move forward.

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So what happened is, I waited six to seven months and I reached out to Jeremy and said, I don't have structural plans right now. He said, Well, you know, that's what we're waiting -- for structural plans.

So when I pushed the structural engineer or the -- or the project manager, the only thing he gave me was this, a structural plan showing that we need to replace 18 piers in another part of the property.

Well, I told him, this is not enough. He said, I'm working on the rest of the -- so I -I submitted this to him, Jeremy and them, showed them this, and tried to get a -- a framer come in and give me a (inaudible) on this. Well, the time he came in, he said, Mr. Butler, you know, based on what you -- you know, and I'm telling you, it's more than need to be done in here, because I asked for a demo on the inside to get a better picture of what needed to be done because you can't get a repair guy to go in and give you an estimate when (inaudible) is not (inaudible).

And it was said on the 2017 that their assumption was based on what they seen. They

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don't know what's behind the walls. So when we start stripping the walls down, it came -- it came to a point where it was more intensive, it was more detailed. And the guy said, Well, I can do on what he said on here for 74,000.
(Timer notification.)
MR. BUTLER: And I'm like -- he said, But
I'm telling you, that's not going to pass inspection because you got different -- a lot of walls -- shear walls, exterior studs, interior studs, shear walls need to be replaced. So I went back to the -- to my structural engineer or the -- the project manager. I say, I need something. I'm pushed for this.

I just spent so much money hiring this guy, hiring the guys that go in there and do this, and I got nothing. So he got to the point after he seen when I stripped it down (inaudible). Well, Frank, to be honest with you, this is a level 3 . You're wasting your money. I don't want to waste your money trying to give you something that you have to go and -- you have to do the whole foundation on this property.

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So I fired the contractor, and I was so upset to the point where I said, well, you know what, let me go back to Jeremy and them and get them (inaudible).

Again, I could have demoed this property in 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023. I could have came to you guys then and demoed, but I -- I took it upon myself to say, let's go ahead and do it.

So that was the third person saying you have to demo this property. So I got a Ram Jack to come by, John, to look at it, to say, hey, can we lift this property? Because if we got to do a whole foundation -- he's saying, Frank, to be honest with you, if I even give you an estimate, it'll be like 48,000 or more. But that ain't my point. My point is
the liability. You're close to another property. I said, Well, I need to get something. He said, Well, I'm going to have to get back with you and -- and determine if I can do it.

THE CHAIRMAN: Frank, I'll tell you what --

MR. BUTLER: I'm talking too fast?
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engineer to say the same thing. So that's what Diane M. Tropia, Inc., Post Office Box 2375, Jacksonville, FL 32203 (904) 821-0300

THE CHAIRMAN: No, you're good. I think we've got a pretty good picture of what --

MR. BUTLER: Well, what I wanted to say at the end of it is, I end up getting Jeff, who's my structural engineer, to come by and look at it, because I said I wanted to try one more time. And so Jeff came by, and he looked at it, and he said, Frank, to be honest with you, you might -- well, just a -- 90 percentage of this property got to be redone.

And I said, if 90 percent of the property got to be done, you're going to change the whole structural integrity of this property.

THE CHAIRMAN: Right.
MR. BUTLER: And makes -- only thing that's historical is the land it stands on. And that's why I'm here today, because when I thought about it and I came to Arimus, I said, Hey, what are my decisions [sic]? What my options are?

And my thing -- if I board it up, back up and leave it like it is, I'm going to be back here in two to three years asking for the same thing, to get a (inaudible) sixth structural
brought me to this (inaudible).
THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. Any questions for our applicant at the moment?

COMMISSION MEMBERS: (No response.)
THE CHAIRMAN: Frank, we'll call you back up if we need you.

Thank you.
Is anybody else here to speak on this COA?
(Ms. Pryor approaches the podium.)
MS. PRYOR: Y'all knew I'd come talk about this one.

Kim Pryor, 245 West 5th Street.
I'd like to ask that you scroll through to the Google photos that are included in this report because I think staff has proved that we should not reward this owner for causing this particular property to become worse.

Since he purchased it, the photos that you see in the Google Street View photos, it was -she was -- she was intact. And if you go through and look, since this person has bought the property, she has deteriorated significantly.

We do not reward owners who go in and destroy properties.

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One of the other things I also want to point out here is that, yes, I saw the engineering reports, the two reports dated in 2017, that said that this property was structurally unsound and in danger of imminent collapse. That was seven years ago. How many storms have we had since then? Irma came through. So this particular structure has stood the test of time even though structural engineers have said she wouldn't. I think that, right there, needs to be considered.

Just because a house is ugly on the outside does not mean that her bones are not good on the inside.

One of the other things mentioned was that it's a level 3 restoration. Well, there's a lot of work to be done, yes, but I believe what the applicant was inferring was that you are required to make sure that the building complies with the current building code. And I'm here to say, as someone with a Florida license -- contractors's license, that in a -in a historic district, that doesn't apply. You can go back with the structures and restore
craftsmanship. They do not have to be brought up to our current building codes for hurricanes and things of that nature.

Obviously, this structure has stood for over a hundred years and has withstood hurricanes that we have had and tropical storms and so forth.

This particular structure is important. Every single remaining structure in Springfield is important. There is no way that we should allow any more of our structures to be destroyed.

One of the other things -- requirements of Chapter 307 is that all --
(Timer notification.)
MS. PRYOR: -- other options are explored.
Has this owner tried to sell it? That is an option. I don't think he's put it up for sale.

I encourage this body to deny this demolition request and save our historic structures.

Thank you.
THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.
(Audience member approaches the podium.)
THE CHAIRMAN: If you'll state your name
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and address.
AUDIENCE MEMBER: Lane Manis, 1448 North Liberty Street, Jacksonville, Florida.

THE CHAIRMAN: Lane, she's going to swear you in real quick.

THE REPORTER: If you would raise your right hand for me, please.

MS. MANIS: (Complies.)
THE REPORTER: Do you affirm that the testimony you are about to give will be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth?

MS. MANIS: I do.
THE REPORTER: Thank you.
MS. MANIS: I'm a Realtor and I have lived in Springfield for the past 13 years. Well, we bought a property 13 years ago. We, and every other person who has bought a damaged house -and we understand that they are not pretty -have had to spend a lot of money to bring these houses back to life.

I was the listing and selling agent of 1422 North Liberty Street that was here last month asking for demolition because the current owners were -- did not secure the roof, and

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that, you know, allowed the property to disintegrate. And it's called "demolition by neglect." This is another example of demolition by neglect. And it's not one that should be torn down; it's one that needs to be restored. And there's ways to do it.

And when you buy a property that looks like this and you're a contractor, you should know that it's going to cost you an arm and a leg. If you can't afford to do it, then you don't buy it.

But again, everyone who's restored a house in the historic district, any of the historic districts, understands there is a cost. And you don't buy something and let it deteriorate to that degree and then say, "Oh, it's going to cost me too much money to fix." You sell it.

Thank you.
THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.
(Audience member approaches the podium.)
THE CHAIRMAN: If you'll state your name and address for me.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Mike Haskins, 417 West 7th Street.

THE CHAIRMAN: She's going to swear you in
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real quick.
THE REPORTER: If you would raise your right hand for me, please.

MR. HASKINS: (Complies.)
THE REPORTER: Do you affirm that the testimony you are about to give will be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth?

MR. HASKINS: Yes, I do.
THE REPORTER: Thank you.
MR. HASKINS: My name is Michael Haskins.
I'm the executive director of Springfield Preservation and Revitalization.

I believe you have a letter that our board of directors has issued. We would note that the applicant has two approved COAs, and that was not completed. It does appear that work started; however, the only kind of visible evidence is that materials -- material -materials were removed from the structure, specifically siding and windows, which would likely have led to further deterioration on the structure, which leads us to think that this may be a case of demolition by neglect. And we would also note that that should not be

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The Code Compliance concerns with this house -- we would also note, Code Compliance does not recommend demolition. They are not in a position to be able to recommend demolition as a remedy for the issues facing the home, so that should not be a rationale for demolition.

The remedy for the unsafe nature of the structure is rehabilitation, which the applicant would appear to be in a position to perform since they previously received two COAs and do not have a claim (inaudible) economic hardship.

We would encourage that the Commission deny this COA and allow the structure to be rehabilitated and saved.

Thank you.
THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.
(Audience member approaches the podium.)
THE CHAIRMAN: If you'll state your name and address for us.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Geoff Gartner, 2866
St. Martin Court.
THE CHAIRMAN: Geoff, she's going to swear you in real quick.

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THE REPORTER: If you would raise your right hand for me, please.

MR. GARTNER: (Complies.)
THE REPORTER: Do you affirm that the testimony you are about to give will be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth?

MR. GARTNER: Yes.
THE REPORTER: Thank you.
MR. GARTNER: All right. So I'm the third structural engineer being named here.

To the -- to the Hurricane Irma, the point being made, that was a 74-mile-an-hour sustained wind, Category 3, goes up to 129 mile-an-hour sustained wind. This building absolutely will not withstand a Category 3 storm.

To the point of moving it, trying to support this and get it out of there is not going to work. It -- the kind of effort that it would take -- actually, I would sit back and say, anything is possible if you throw enough money at it, as it has been stated, but this financial prospect would be quite a burden.

To the point of -- I keep hearing this
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deterioration by -- I forgot the term already. I guess it wasn't that important, but -- by letting it sit. The 2017 reports that I already reviewed indicated that it needed to be torn down. That was prior to Frank buying it. So I don't know why that would even be an issue. It was already being said that it should have been torn down prior to his ownership.

The building needs to go. It's -- the foundations are worthless. The -- 50 percent, at least, of the wood framing of the building is -- must be replaced. It's not -- it's not possible to get this building back together.

That's all I have.
THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.
Is anybody else here to speak on this building?

MR. BUTLER: Can I say one more thing?
THE CHAIRMAN: Yes. Let me close the public hearing and I will call you back after that.

MR. BUTLER: Okay.
THE CHAIRMAN: With that, we'll close the public hearing, and I'll entertain a motion.

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COMMISSIONER GLOBER: Motion to approve COA-24-30120.

COMMISSIONER HOFF: I will second.
THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. I guess my first question would be to Arimus.

Curiositywise, I mean, you -- obviously, you have voted to approve -- not voted, but recommended to approve this. How do you feel about the demo by neglect claim?

MS. PRYOR: Can you talk into the mic, please?

MR. WELLS: To the Chair, in terms of that portion of the Code and then the overall term itself, "demolition by neglect," that's
something that staff has historically abstained from opining on. Typically, what we'll do is just provide you with the history of just what efforts have been made to rehab the structure and just throw that essentially back on y'all.

THE CHAIRMAN: Sure.
MS. PRYOR: I can't hear a word, so I'm going to sit right here.

MR. WELLS: Okay. There's plenty of seats.

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, sit up front.
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COMMISSIONER HOFF: Through the Chair to staff, question about Chapter 307, could you speak to if there's a requirement for the property owner to offer -- for sale as a viable alternative to the motion or not?

MR. WELLS: Through the Chair to Commissioner Hoff, can you clarify which portion of the Code? Are you referring to 307.106(n)(7) or -- I'm sorry, (n)(8)?

COMMISSIONER HOFF: A member of the public referenced Chapter 307 and there being a -- and it recommending various alternatives to demolition, including the property owner offering for sale [sic] for another party to renovate. Can you speak on that, please?

MR. WELLS: Of course.
Yeah, so that section, 307.106(n)(8) -- so
the way it reads, it -- the clause states
whether -- other feasible alternatives to demolition. So we're not required by Code to have the applicant provide evidence of selling the property. We just explore potential options.

As noted in the report, we did ask them if they were interested in selling the property.

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In this instance, they were not, so that's all we could do in terms of what the Code allows us to.

COMMISSIONER HOFF: Thank you.
THE CHAIRMAN: Thoughts across the board?
I go back to the 2017 engineering statements. To me, that's pretty clear from 2017. I understand it's been standing since, but I'm not an engineer. And just because it stood another six years, I mean, I'm not going to bet against the two engineering letters, personally.

COMMISSIONER GREGORY: Through the Chair, in regard to the 2017 letter, I'm looking at engineer letter number 2 , it specifically references photos. I would ask the applicant, do you have those photos? Do you have that full report from the engineer, number 2?

MR. BUTLER: I have current photos. I don't have those (inaudible).

COMMISSIONER GREGORY: Thank you.
COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: This is not a -this is not a new event for us. You know, this is a property that -- the situation of it, although maybe not exactly the same, we have

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seen it before, where properties have laid dormant and unprotected for decades, even in the Trio downtown. Just -- things have happened.

I'm not -- you know, I'm uncertain whether it's really about arguing engineers' reports or the validity of engineers' reports. And it's more about -- this seems to be an unbearable situation more and more, and I'm not sure what the solution is because, clearly, you can look at the photographs of the home, and anyone who has done work on a home or any kind of structure can see it is going to take a lot of money to restore this home, if it's restorable ultimately at all.

But we also see as evidence -- and thank you for the film strip of the Google maps -- of the slow demise or pending demise of this home over time. And I'm just -- I'm just not sure -- you know, I'm left -- it's a -- I'm perplexed, I guess, is my situation because on the one hand, this house is in a terrible state of disrepair.

And although the current homeowner hasn't owned it forever, it has -- it's been in

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1 possession since 2019 and not a lot has been 2 done to restore it, right? Or at least there's not evidence of that, physical evidence of that, more the owners prior to this current owner.

And so I -- you know, ultimately, if we vote to deny this -- if we vote and we deny this demolition -- and correct me if I'm wrong; this is a question for staff and Counsel -- the owner does have the right to take it before City Council on appeal and have it voted on.

And that, for me, is where I stand right now because it's not -- like I said earlier, it's not about disputing the engineers' reports or past engineers' reports, and it's not even about disputing the owner's situation, but it's about what this -- what this commission represents in terms of historic preservation and what the City staff tries to do with their assessment of structures in these historic districts.

And so I -- I think that I'm at a point where I want to push these kinds of things to City Council because I think these -- and I understand -- Diane, I promise I'll stop soon.

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I understand staff's position about not wanting to -- not liking to opine -- not wanting to talk about terms like that because, frankly, they're judgmental, and that's -- it's a -- I understand the slope of that.

But I think that we need to get before City Council somehow and the powers that be about -- to talk about the importance of these structures as part of the identity of our community, and not just the historic district, but Jacksonville, because we're forced to make a decision about this particular case with a person would who owns a property that has --

I can only take the applicant at his word and believe that he had dreams about this property. That's all I can do. But I look at what we have here and I understand the gravity of it. And I -- I'm just suggesting that it's deeper than a commission voting on a demolition, and I think --

I vote for the denial of this demolition. I'm going to -- my position is to vote for the denial of this demolition so the owner may appeal it and take it before City Council because that would be the next step.

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to -- we were in City Hall.
COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: The Ford plant?
THE CHAIRMAN: No, it wasn't that long ago.

Anyway, they had it for a long time. But long story short, we denied it.

MS. MANIS: 1422 North Liberty Street.
THE CHAIRMAN: That might be right.
I guess my point here is, I have to look at -- to me, I have to look at each case on its own specific merits and individual merits as opposed to -- I don't want to make an example out of something I believe in to combat an overall problem. It's got to be individualistic because -- I can't punish one person for what we think is a general problem.

And again, I -- there's evidence to me here from the 2017 engineering reports that says this house needed to be demoed, and that's kind of where the buck stops for me because these are two experts that are licensed engineers. Before he purchased the property, it said this needed to be demoed. So that's kind of where I can rest my -- my personal case, if you will.

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But that's, you know, again, just my thoughts.

COMMISSIONER GLOBER: Through the Chair, this building was condemned in 2007 and the applicant's the fifth owner. This discussion is kind of centered around what he has or hasn't done since he purchased it, but I would hate for -- he's in the situation where he's holding the bag on something that's kind of impossible to prove what these other folks did or didn't do during that time.

I appreciate staff's report. I don't see any other options here.

COMMISSIONER GREGORY: Through the Chair, I would say that I would agree with approving the demolition only because what I have from staff here is an approval based on the facts we see here in these previous structural reports. I don't want to send this property owner up to City Council based on a policy decision that we're trying to, you know, influence here.

And I do -- I agree with J.C. about these being on a case-by-case basis, that we have to make a determination on that. It's not our job to decide policy based on this one guy's

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situation.
THE CHAIRMAN: All right. Does anybody else have thoughts?

COMMISSIONER HOFF: Through the Chair,
I -- obviously, this is very subjective, and I think that everyone has very good points. And I know that some local historic preservation advocates are avidly exploring how to prevent demolition by neglect and have spoken with certain City representatives to get that ball rolling.

So that said, because of the -- because of the lack of -- well, because of the relative lack of historic fabric of the house and what's left of it will need to be -- what's left of the exterior will need to be almost certainly replaced, I am leaning towards approval.

THE CHAIRMAN: All right. Anybody else have any thoughts?

COMMISSION MEMBERS: (No response.)
THE CHAIRMAN: All right. With that,
we'll take a vote.
All those in favor?
COMMISSIONER GREGORY: Aye.
COMMISSIONER FRICK: Aye.
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COMMISSIONER HOFF: Aye. COMMISSIONER GLOBER: Aye.
THE CHAIRMAN: Aye.
Those opposed?
COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: Nay.
THE CHAIRMAN: With that, you've approved COA-24-30120.

And with, that we will take a quick -call it a nine-minute break, and we'll meet back at 5:15.
(Whereupon, a brief recess was taken.)
THE CHAIRMAN: All right. We're back.
Section H, Certificates of
Appropriateness, Work Initiated or Completed Without a COA, COA-24-30193, 2315 Park Street.

Staff report when you are ready.
MR. WELLS: So this COA-24-30193 for the property located at 2315 Park Street.

So this is for, once again, after-the-fact alterations, but this for a -- but this is to a noncontributing structure. It's located on an interior lot and it currently consists of a two-story professional building.

So the applicant plans to convert the structure into a multifamily dwelling. The

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installed windows on the left and right elevations as improperly installed based on the nailing fins, which means that the windows are not recessed into the wall cavity, and nor did it replicate the original trim or have a compatible lite pattern design.

So upon viewing the front elevation from the inside and outside of the building, staff deemed the front first floor, second floor, and dormer wood windows and repairable historic wood windows.

The siding and corner post trims were also -- well, they were never inspected by staff; however, we did -- because they were replaced, we were unable to assess or inspect the condition of the siding and trim prior to removal. As such, we are unable to determine if wholesale siding and trim replacement are -were warranted.

So the most minimal way to rectify the violation is to ensure the current horizontal lap siding and corner posts are removed and replaced with a wood product that matches the original design.

By installing vinyl 1-over-1 windows with
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nailing fins and altering the trim, a significant portion of the character of the structure has been removed and replaced with a historically inappropriate product. However, if the applicant was to install a window product that does not have nailing fins that matches the original 9-over-1 lite pattern and replicates the original trim, this would be an opportunity to bring the property into compliance further with our design guidelines as well as our Code criteria.

We found that block frame windows with exterior raised profile muntins and window trim are a significant part of the architectural character of a structure and its contribution to the district.

The design guidelines also discuss windows and how they contribute to the character of the building, and it also encourages buildings to be brought into compliance, and especially when they're incompatible in size and configuration. Making changes to the size and arrangement of window panes, muntins, and rails are inconsistent.

In terms of the lap siding, again, the
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property owner has replaced the historic wood split-level shake shingles and original horizontal lap siding exterior on the entire left and right elevations and they replaced it with Hardiboard horizontal lap siding, and has also replaced all the trim with a non-matching profile.

The property owner has completed wholesale siding replacement, has installed, as we found, in accordance with our design guidelines, an incompatible and historically inaccurate design and material.

While the owner proposes to reopen two window openings on the front first floor elevation, they plan to replace the existing and repairable 9 -over-1 windows. The effect of the proposed work would detract from the structure's architectural design.

Based on this evidence and our Code criteria and design guidelines, we forward to you a recommendation for denial.

We did include some corrective actions that the applicant can take should you adopt our recommendation.

THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. A lot to unpack
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here.
Questions for staff at the moment?
COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: Yes. Through the Chair, question for staff.

The property is listed as noncontributing, but it was built in 1916?

MR. WELLS: Through the Chair to Commissioner Montoya, that is correct. This was an odd one. From the Florida Master Site File, it appeared that, because of the significant alterations that were done to the site, mainly the front elevation and that brick veneer, we were -- most likely surmised that was the reason why it was deemed as noncontributing.

COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: So then as a follow-up question, through the Chair, evaluation by staff of this project -- I'm just disregarding the after-the-fact part for right now. But just in terms of evaluating a project like this, it was clearly built in the time period where technically it's (inaudible) but would be a contributing structure, but it's noncontributing.

Does that influence the decision that you
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make in terms of planning? Because if it were
truly a noncontributing structure, if it was built after the historic time period, then you would be looking at it in a slightly different light in a historic structure that's being restored that is a contributing structure in the district.

MR. WELLS: That is correct, especially because the structure is within the period of significance.
(Discussion held off the record.)
MR. WELLS: So once again, it's in the -within the period of significance, so the level of scrutiny is a little bit higher as opposed to outside of it.

We also found that it -- there's an opportunity to bring it into compliance should a contributing list be done in the future.

COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: Okay.
THE CHAIRMAN: All right. Any other questions for staff at the moment?

COMMISSION MEMBERS: (No response.)
THE CHAIRMAN: All right. We'll open the public hearing.

Is the applicant here?
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AUDIENCE MEMBER: (Indicating.)
THE CHAIRMAN: You can come on up.
(Audience member approaches the podium.)
THE CHAIRMAN: If you'll state your name and address.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Yes. My name is Mohsen Akhlaghi. Address is 2315 Park Street, Jacksonville, Florida 32204.
(Reporter clarification.)
MR. AKHLAGI: Yes, ma'am.
My first name is Mohsen, M-o-h-s-e-n. My
last name is A-k-h-l-a-g-h-i. Address is 2315
Park Street, Jacksonville, Florida 32204.
THE REPORTER: Thank you so much.
MR. AKHLAGI: Yes, ma'am.
THE REPORTER: If you would raise your right hand for me, please.

MR. AKHLAGI: (Complies.)
THE REPORTER: Do you affirm that the testimony you are about to give will be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth?

MR. AKHLAGI: Yes, I do.
THE REPORTER: Thank you.
MR. AKHLAGI: I know you hear a lot of
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stuff. This case is a little bit unusual because -- bear with me, I promise I'll finish in three minutes.

I'm an emergency physician; I have no business to do anything with buildings. And the reason I purchased this -- this is not -- I'm not saying this for sympathy, I'm saying the fact because I swore that I would tell you the facts.

I have no business to buy this home. I have a 23-year-old son that is autistic and --

THE CHAIRMAN: Can y'all have the conversation in the hallway? I can hear you.

MR. AKHLAGI: He was unable to study. He was unable to work. And somebody approached me and says, I can help you to get some job for your son. And he said, if I buy this property, he can let him work with him.

And about -- I've never done this. I will never do that and you will never see me here, I promise you that, but I bought that so he can work there. And after I purchased that, I found that the general contractor is a con man. He's not even a general contractor. He does not have a license. He told me that he applied

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for -- I have no idea.
I deal with human body, I don't know anything about buildings. He said he applied for the permit and he started the work. As a matter of fact -- I'm originally from the country of Iran. My mom had a stroke. I fly there. The next thing I know, somebody -- a friend of mine that lives close by, actually, is a dentist. She calls me and says, "Oh, they shut down your work." I said, "What for?" And I found out he never even applied for a permit.

Basically, he kind of applied, but there was no approved permit. So the guy has no idea what's doing with the building. I had three months' problem to find an architect and a general contractor to actually accept this job. So -- the money that I paid, so I can just finish it.

Of course, as you guys know, vultures, they start calling me, oh, we buy this, they found out, so I have no idea. They wanted to buy half of the price. And the job was literally stopped a few days after that, and this was September of last year.

I've been paying mortgage, I've been
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dealing with this. And as a matter of fact, to be honest with you, I didn't even know that I have to even speak about that. They said, "Oh, you have a chance to speak." I don't know anything about that. I just know that I would follow every City rules that I need to follow to get this property finished the way that it's convenient for the historical, you know, section, that -- so I can sell and --
(Timer notification.)
MR. AKHLAGI: Needless to say that my son never got a chance to work.

THE CHAIRMAN: All right. Well, thank you.

Any questions for our applicant at the moment?

COMMISSION MEMBERS: (No response.)
THE CHAIRMAN: All right. We'll call you back up.

COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: Just one question. THE CHAIRMAN: Please.
COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: Through the Chair,
so if I heard you correctly, you want to do
what needs to be done to comply with the design guidelines and the permit process?

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MR. AKHLAGI: Yes, sir.
COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: Thank you.
THE CHAIRMAN: All right. Would anybody else like to speak on this COA?

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: (No response.)
THE CHAIRMAN: With that, we'll close the public hearing, and I'll entertain a motion.

COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: Motion to deny COA-24-30193, 2315 Park Street.

COMMISSIONER HOFF: I will second.
THE CHAIRMAN: So given the situation, Arimus, denial, he comes back to you and says, hey -- we can work through this?

MR. WELLS: To the Chair and actually to the Commission as well, because this is -- the recommendation is a denial, we also include the corrective actions in there, so that would be the opportunity for the applicant to meet those conditions.

THE CHAIRMAN: All right. Questions, comments?

COMMISSION MEMBERS: (No response.)
THE CHAIRMAN: All right. All those in favor?

COMMISSION MEMBERS: Aye.
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THE CHAIRMAN: Those opposed? COMMISSION MEMBERS: (No response.) THE CHAIRMAN: Hearing none, you've denied COA-24-30193, and we will move on to Section K, public comment.

Anybody?
AUDIENCE MEMBER: I didn't have time to fill this out.

Before you go --
MS. PRYOR: I'll start.
I feel like we're all related now. It's been a busy day.

Kim Pryor, 245 West 5th Street.
I wanted to come up here and talk a little bit more about windows. And I know I touched on this earlier with the window replacement COA, but I really wanted to -- want to encourage the Commission, the Planning Department to really differentiate between a repair and replacement.

Oftentimes, if you go back historically and look at the applications submitted by homeowners who want to replace their windows, you don't see photographs of the jamb and the header and the frame. You see photographs of

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the sashes.
Paint, the glazing has been -- you know, has started to fail. The glass is broken, things of that nature. That's all sash problems. But when they come in and ask for window replacement and that request is approved, you're stripping that historic structure of one of the most important features that it has, and that is the traditional wooden, double-hung windows with the weight and pulley system.

When, really, if you take a step back, a majority of the time people don't understand how easy it is to repair sashes. Glazing can be redone. Paint can be stripped. You can do Dutchman repairs to fix a rotted piece in the sash.

If the sash is completely gone and not repairable, then let's make a new sash. Yes, it's new, but it would be made of wood. It would be made in the same way that the old window sashes were done with the same angles and the -- the rope knots -- the pulls for the ropes, and it would --

I challenge you to look at a window sash
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that is made new in the -- in the way that they made them originally compared to a sash that was restored. And I challenge you to pick out which one is new and which one has been restored.

And so when people come in here and ask to replace their windows, I think that we need to ask them, are you -- do you really want to replace your sashes? Because that's -- I believe that's really what they're asking for.

And we really, really need to think more about allowing that because once -- once those are gone, that's it. And you've removed that very important character feature.

Thank you.
THE CHAIRMAN: Kim, have you looked into going into the restoration business yourself, like the windows?

MS. PRYOR: Yes, sir. I am.
I just bought a mortising machine.
THE CHAIRMAN: Good. It'll be a great business.

MS. PRYOR: I'm ready. Screens, window sashes, all that stuff. I'm tired of seeing the windows destroyed.

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THE CHAIRMAN: That's good.
MS. PRYOR: I'm done.
THE CHAIRMAN: I think it's a good
business to get into.
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Thank you.
MS. PRYOR: Thank you.
Lane.
(Ms. Manis approaches the podium.)
MS. MANIS: Lane Manis, 1448 North Liberty Street, Jacksonville, Florida 32206.

THE CHAIRMAN: You don't need to be sworn in for this.

MS. MANIS: Oh, okay.
Like I said before, I'm a Realtor. I
understand -- in real estate, we have what's called an Historic District Addendum. And I am wondering why this form isn't being required by people like the gentleman right back here. I mean, if you buy a house and you use a Realtor, you have to sign this Historic District Addendum. There are a lot of Realtors who come into the historic districts, they have no clue. They need to be in Nocatee. But you've got people that don't have a clue what they're -what they're selling.

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provided by the local association and MLS.
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It's not a State-mandated form, whereas the coastal construction (inaudible) is a State-mandated form, much like the lead-based paint one's a federal (inaudible) --
(Reporter clarification.)
COMMISSIONER GREGORY: So the form that she was referencing, historic disclosure, is provided by our association and MLS, not a State-required form, like a coastal construction (inaudible) form or the lead-based paint form that's required federally.

So I think your request about it is admirable, actually, but I'm -- what's the mechanism for enforcement? We would need a State-level form for any historic disclosures, not -- because we are getting rid of our forms on the local level. We (inaudible) local and MLS level. So that would be more of a State-level request, which I think is reasonable and worth having.

MS. MANIS: Well, it needs to be done because there are clueless people buying houses. They've seen one episode of HGTV, so therefore they know all about restoring a house, and then they leave it alone and let it

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1 deteriorate, and then you all say, go ahead, 2 just tear it down, we don't care.

THE CHAIRMAN: All right. Thank you. All right. We're on New Business.
MR. WELLS: Okay. So I have a request for a letter of recommendation, slash, support. And this is from Janis Fleet. She's with Fleet \& Associates. She's representing the Mayport Waterfront Partnership. And so in the coming months, they will be applying for the State's small matching grant program.

And so in terms of this, they're asking for a letter of support from the Commission. So the intent behind the project -- for funding, they want to create an oral history project. So it will be created through the recording of audio history and memories of Mayport's oldest citizens.

The small 60-acre community is witnessing the pressures of change and new development, and so this is serving as an impetus behind doing this oral history project.

The grant, which they titled Marrying the Past to the Future, will allow the Partnership to document and record the history of Mayport,

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match the audio history with identified sites within Mayport Village, and develop a walking tour for residents and visitors throughout the community.

The Mayport Waterfront Partnership plans to collaborate with the Jacksonville Historical Society and the University of Florida to accomplish this project with the potentially awarded grant funds.

THE CHAIRMAN: All right. Questions for staff?

COMMISSION MEMBERS: (No response.)
THE CHAIRMAN: And this is a vote?
MS. LOPERA: Yes. Through the Chair to the Commission, so if you all want to recommend, authorize staff to issue a letter of support on your behalf, the motion would be to move to issue a letter of support for the Mayport Waterfront Partnership application or something of that nature.

COMMISSIONER GREGORY: I'll make a motion to approve staff to submit a letter of support for the Mayport Waterfront Partnership small matching grant.

COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: Second.
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THE CHAIRMAN: All those in favor? COMMISSION MEMBERS: Aye. THE CHAIRMAN: Those opposed? COMMISSION MEMBERS: (No response.) THE CHAIRMAN: Hearing none, you've approved the approval.

MR. WELLS: All right. The next thing is Historic Preservation Month. So based on some conversations I had with you-all in the past few months, there was interest in doing some type of small-scale initiative for next month's Historic Preservation Month.

So we, as a staff, discussed this, and we have -- came up with some potential options that we would like you all to explore and take the initiative on.

So one of the options -- well, option one was to possibly assemble a presentation that discusses the importance of historic preservation and its impact on the city.

Option two was possibly doing a virtual workshop where you allow residents and visitors to -- to basically just talk about various historical areas throughout the city.

And the last one, which is inspired off of
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the This Place Matters national campaign, you could potentially organize a photo campaign that encourages people to celebrate the places in their communities that are most meaningful to them.

So we're open to more options, but, again, just wanted to get the ball rolling on that, and for someone from the Commission to take the initiative and spearhead that.

THE CHAIRMAN: They are all good options.
COMMISSIONER GREGORY: A question for staff here.

So option Number 3, is that like a social media campaign or something? Like, is there a hashtag for This Place Matters, people share their photos of, like, historic homes? And does the Historic department even have, like, an Instagram or a Facebook or --

MR. WELLS: (Shakes head.)
COMMISSIONER GREGORY: I didn't think so, but I thought I would ask.

MR. WELLS: Through the Chair to Commissioner Gregory, we, unfortunately, do not. So that could be potentially something. You could take the route of that. It really

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didn't go beyond just --
COMMISSIONER GREGORY: What about some Ticky Tockies?

MR. WELLS: Some what?
So we could work with the mayor's office to -- because they have a (inaudible) and all that that we could use.

COMMISSIONER GREGORY: Okay.
MR. WELLS: Up to small scale and manageable.

THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. Put some thought into that one.

COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: If you're looking for a volunteer, I'm certainly available to help you any way I can.

COMMISSIONER HOFF: So this would mean that -- I assume we would be communicating about this outside of this room? Which we can, as long as it's not a quasi-judicial issue?

MR. WELLS: I need to defer to Carla on that.

MS. LOPERA: Through the Chair to Commissioner Hoff, you-all can talk outside of this meeting, of course. (Inaudible) matters that would -- are either going to come before

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the Commission or potentially could come before the Commission, so -- it depends on what you're going to do, but if you're going to gather, we could notice it as a meeting. That's a possibility so that proper notice is given to the public and we have the ability to talk.

It just depends on what you're thinking you want to do.

COMMISSIONER HOFF: So this is just a thought because someone mentioned it. I think it would be fantastic if the City had its own historic -- social media historic preservation account. I think it would raise awareness and raise the profile of the issue, and it would be a platform to put out information about the issue beyond the regular City of Jacksonville social media, which has a lot more stuff to go on.

So I know that's not something -- I'm not sure if that's a "we thing," we talk with whoever in this city, or that's a "you thing," which is more work for you.

I'm more than happy to contribute to content for that, but --
(Simultaneous speaking.)
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MS. LOPERA: I know the mayor's administration has communication (inaudible), and it would need to go through them because I know Planning doesn't have the capacity to -or would need authority from the administration even to do that from a social media outreach, but I think that's a great idea.

COMMISSIONER HOFF: I wonder if that's something that could be done, you know, that could get the approval in May. I'm not sure they could get the approval for that.

COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: It might be prudent for this year to maybe look at doing something small and start planning for something for next year.

There's also -- recently, we had Jax Lab (phonetic), you know, (inaudible).
Jax Lab had an event with the Historic Trust at our space, we let them use our space. So that might be someone who -- that might be a group that we want to reach out to and see if there's collaboration opportunities there and -- to piggyback on some of the things that they might be doing.

Cleary Larkin was involved in that, the
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director of historic preservation for the UF School of Architecture. And then I think Lisa Sheppard attended that event and (inaudible), so she might have some -- she might be able to (inaudible) an in-house resource.

THE CHAIRMAN: All right. We'll keep noodling, it sounds like, unless we have a --

COMMISSIONER HOFF: I can reach out to you outside of this to see if you want me to prompt whomever in the mayor's office to --

MR. WELLS: Okay. Thank you.
All right. Last item, pending
legislation. So the first section, just items
that have taken place since the last Commission meeting, final action. So Ordinance 2024-0115 and -0116 , these are both landmarks. They were approved by City Council.

And the next section, pending legislation. So 2023-0876, that's just languishing here. That's the Laura Street Trio.
-0157 and -0158 , these are both the Norman Studios landmarks. Those are planning to be heard by the Land Use and Zoning Committee on May 7th.

Ordinance -0247, that's 1349 North Market
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1 Street, landmark, that's also going to be heard on May 7th.

And then we have the recently approved by you all landmark, the Slappey building, so this is 315 and 317 West Forsyth Street. So that's going to LUZ on May 21st.

And then the last piece, just as a resolution -- this was introduced by Council Member Peluso. So he wants to do a resolution that formally recognizes May as Historic Preservation Month. That went to the Rules Committee on April 15th, and it's also -- it's going to City Council -- it was going to -well, it went to City Council last night, so -I'm assuming it was approved.

MS. LOPERA: It was approved.
MR. WELLS: It was approved. Okay.
But just one thing to note about that too, so Council Member Peluso is organizing some type of event. So he wants to invite you all to it to formally recognize the resolution and the month itself.

THE CHAIRMAN: All right. Anybody have anything else?
(No response.)
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THE CHAIRMAN: With that, we are adjourned.
(The foregoing proceedings were adjourned at 5:47 p.m.)

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