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CITY OF JACKSONVILLE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Proceedings held on Wednesday, December 13, 2023, commencing at 3:02 p.m., at Jacksonville City Hall, Don Davis Room, 117 West Duval 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. ANDRES LOPERA, Vice Chair. JULIA EPSTEIN, Secretary. MICHAEL MONTOYA, Commission Member. ETHAN GREGORY, Commission Member.

#### ALSO PRESENT:

ARIMUS WELLS, Planning and Development Dept. JERMAINE ANDERSON, Planning and Development. CARLA LOPERA, Office of General Counsel. JOANNA SNYDER, Planning and Development Dept.

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every two hours as needed.

With that, I'll entertain a motion to pass the minutes from the November 15th meeting.

COMMISSIONER LOPERA: Motion to approve the meeting minutes from November 15, 2023.

COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: All those in favor?

COMMISSION MEMBERS: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Those opposed? COMMISSION MEMBERS: (No response.)

THE CHAIRMAN: Hearing none, you have

approved those minutes.

We're going to jump right into Section C -- actually, excuse me. We've got four deferred items. I'll run through those real quick: Section B, we have COA-22-27451, 2768 Riverside Avenue; COA-23-28339, 3664 Richmond Street; COA-23-29186, 2799 Selma Street; and LS-23-01, 538 Ellis Road South. With that, we will jump to our consent

agenda, which is Section C on your agenda today. On consent we have COA-23-29757, 2257 Riverside Avenue; COA-23-29813, 3873 Jean Street; and COA-23-29935, 1818 Montgomery Place.

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3:02 p.m.

THE CHAIRMAN: Welcome to the December 13th meeting of the Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission.

If we could start with some introductions, please.

MR. ANDERSON: Jermaine Anderson, Historic Preservation

MR. WELLS: Arimus Wells, Historic Preservation.

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

COMMISSIONER LOPERA: Andres Lopera, commissioner.

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

COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: Michael Montoya, commissioner.

COMMISSIONER EPSTEIN: Julia Epstein, commissioner.

THE CHAIRMAN: If you could silence your cell phones. Any private conversations, please be had in the hallway. We'll take a break

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Do we have any commissioners that have any ex parte? Any comments or concerns about those?

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

Is anyone in the public here to speak on any of these COAs?

(Audience member approaches the podium.) AUDIENCE MEMBER: I'm just here on -- my name is Forrest Andrews. I'm the agent for Allen Poucher. He's not able to be here today.

THE CHAIRMAN: All right.

MR. ANDREWS: I'm just (inaudible).

THE CHAIRMAN: All right. If we need you, we'll call you.

MR. ANDREWS: Thank you.

THE CHAIRMAN: Perfect. Thank you.

Is there anyone else here to speak on any of these?

AUDIENCE MEMBER: (Indicating.)

THE CHAIRMAN: If you're on consent, you're probably fine, unless -- because -- if it's -- we're going to vote on it here in a second, unless you want to speak on it --

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AUDIENCE MEMBER: Oh, yes. 1

2 Okay. Never mind.

3 THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. I think with that,

we'll close the public hearing, and I'll 4

5 entertain a motion.

6 COMMISSIONER LOPERA: Motion to approve 7 the consent agenda.

COMMISSIONER GREGORY: Second. 8

9 THE CHAIRMAN: All those in favor?

10 COMMISSION MEMBERS: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Those opposed? 11

COMMISSION MEMBERS: (No response.) 12

THE CHAIRMAN: Hearing none, the consent 13 14

agenda has been approved.

And if you're on consent, you're good. 15

AUDIENCE MEMBER: We're good?

THE CHAIRMAN: Yeah. 17

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AUDIENCE MEMBER: Can I ask a question? 18

19 THE CHAIRMAN: Sure. Come on up.

20 AUDIENCE MEMBER: So --

21 THE CHAIRMAN: I'm going to need your name

22 and address real quick.

forward with the --

23 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Okay. That's right.

24 It's Kim James, and it's 3873 Jean Street.

25 THE CHAIRMAN: Okay.

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THE CHAIRMAN: That's an Arimus question. 4

MS. JAMES: I just want to make sure.

Now, are we able to get our permits and move

5 MR. WELLS: Through the Chair to the

applicant, so not yet. So you'll be receiving 6

in the mail and via as email the final order. 7

8 So it's just verifying the final order

conditions of your COA. And so once you 9

10 receive that, then that's when you can apply

11 for permitting.

12 MS. JAMES: Do you have any idea how long

that will be before we --13

MR. WELLS: It's up to 21 days, but 14

it's -- it's pretty quick. This will be a 15

quick turnaround, so --16

17 MS. JAMES: Christmas miracle, please?

MR. WELLS: I don't want to put that on

the General Counsel's Office, but I would say 19

maybe a week, up to a week. 20

MS. JAMES: All right.

22 All right, y'all. Merry Christmas. Thank

23 you.

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24 THE CHAIRMAN: Merry Christmas.

25 COMMISSIONER LOPERA: You too.

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THE CHAIRMAN: All right. With that, 1

we're going to breeze on down to New Business.

We've got a building renaming, 6360 Commerce

Street. 4

MR. WELLS: Okay. So this is the proposed

naming of 6360 Commerce Street, and this 6

pertains to Ordinance 2023-0793. So

8 November 14th of this year, that same ordinance

was introduced to propose naming the City-owned 9

10 building located at that address as the Rita F.

Reagan building. 11

So in accordance with Chapter 122.105 of 12 the Ordinance Code, the naming and renaming of 13

public buildings, public facilities, and public

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parks requires a report from the Historic 15

Preservation section and an advisory 16 17

recommendation from the Commission.

We evaluate on the seven -- eight 18 19 mentioned criteria. And then, essentially,

20 again, this -- they're looking to rename the

21 building to Rita F. Reagan. This property is

associated with the -- Eagle Film City, which 22

23 is also known as the Norman Film Studios

24 complex. This complex was originally composed

of five wood frame buildings and an outdoor

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pool that occupied all of Block 47 of the

Arlington Heights plat. All the buildings are

simple frame vernacular style. 3

There is a site plan attached within the 4

book itself, and this is -- essentially,

identifies Building Number 5 on the site plan. 6

So this particular building was originally used 7

as a set building; however, since the Norman

Film Studios -- in use in the 1930s -- it 9

10 became used -- or it started to be used as a

11 dance studio between the 1950s and the 1970s.

12 And the structure was mostly -- recently used

as the Circle of Faith Ministries church. 13

So according to archival records, the

existing building was constructed around 1916.

This two-story wood frame building is 16

17 characterized by a simple frame vernacular

style with clapboard siding, composition hip 18

roof, and wooden sash windows. 19

And one thing I do want to clarify in the 20 21 report pertaining to Item Number 3, which is

22 whether any historical structures or landmarks

23 on the subject property -- we had some issues

with our GIS maps, and so, essentially, this 24

property was incorrectly designated as a 25

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landmark on the -- on our GIS map. So the 2 property was nominated via LM-93-11 -- so this 3 is in 1993 -- by the Commission. However, the

ordinance to actually approve the landmarking 4 5 was withdrawn by City Council. So we still

6 have the report itself; and that, at that time,

7 was withdrawn because of owner opposition,

8 so --

9 I will say, outside of this, if you-all 10 want to sponsor the initiation of this project -- or property for landmarking, you are 11 12 free to do so in the -- I'm sorry -- in the 13 New Business section of the agenda.

14 But other than that, the existing building 15 is not part of a common name of streets

16 throughout the community. It does not have a formally designated name. Again, this building 17

18 was converted to a motion picture studio during

19 Florida's film-making heyday in the 1910s. And

20 during that time itself, Mr. Norman, who is

21 associated with the Norman Film Studios,

22 produced a groundbreaking series of films that

23 starred African-American characters in positive

roles, such as aviators, cowboys, and it was 24

mainly aimed at the black audience.

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The City purchased the property in the 1990s, and leased the building as a church.

3 This building will be renamed in honor of historic preservationist, community activist 4

5 and urban pioneer, Rita F. Reagan. She, for

6 nearly -- well, basically for nearly two

7 decades, Ms. Reagan deeply -- was involved in

8 the preservation of Norman Studios. She was

9 actually successful in convincing the City to

10 purchase the silent film complex. And she is

11 also known in the Springfield community for her

12 efforts in saving the Klutho Apartments

building in Springfield, which reopened in 13

2004. 14

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So based on our analysis and the criteria previously mentioned, it is the opinion of the Department that this proposed naming of the City-owned building be named after a person that has made significant contributions to the preservation of the Norman Studios complex as

21 set forth in Ordinance 2023-0793.

And that is the end of the report.

THE CHAIRMAN: All right. Thank you.

24 Any questions for staff?

25 COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: No, just -- through

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the Chair, you know, she passed away earlier

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2 this year. It's a great tribute to her, so

3 (inaudible).

4 THE CHAIRMAN: All right. I'll open the 5 public hearing.

6 Would anyone --

7 COMMISSIONER GREGORY: Yeah, I was going

8 to say -- so this building is owned by the

City, but it is not designated as an historic 9

10 landmark?

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MR. WELLS: Through the Chair to

12 Commissioner Gregory, that is correct.

COMMISSIONER GREGORY: Okay. Maybe we 13

14 should consider designating it in the future.

THE CHAIRMAN: Yeah, sounds --

16 MR. WELLS: Again, you can do it -- I

might have gotten the section wrong, but I 17

18 think it would be under New Business if you

19 wanted to --

20 COMMISSIONER GREGORY: Okay. If --

21 MR. WELLS: To initiate that, you just

have to go back to it, and 6360 Commerce. 22

23 COMMISSIONER GREGORY: Okay.

24 THE CHAIRMAN: Is there anyone here to 25

speak on this building renaming?

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1 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: (No response.)

THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. We'll close the

3 public hearing.

COMMISSIONER LOPERA: Motion to recommend 4 5 for approval building renaming 6360 Commerce

6 Street.

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7 COMMISSIONER EPSTEIN: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: All those in favor?

9 COMMISSION MEMBERS: Aye.

10 THE CHAIRMAN: Those opposed?

11 COMMISSION MEMBERS: (No response.)

12 THE CHAIRMAN: Hearing none -- all right.

13 You have approved it.

14 I think we're jumping the demo delay,

15 correct?

MR. WELLS: Correct. That's been deferred 16 17 one cycle.

18 THE CHAIRMAN: All right. So we are at

19 fencing guidelines. 20 MR. WELLS: All right. Through the Chair

21 to the Commission, so over the past few months,

22 we have been working as a section, in

23 accordance with various organizations, SPAR and RAP as well, to redo or reimagine what the

25 fencing guidelines could potentially be.

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And so on the screen right now, or in the 1 2 book itself too, there's the existing fencing

3 guidelines. The last time it was adopted --

- and the only time it was updated was in 2003, 4
- so we took a hard look at the guidelines 5
- 6 itself. And although not major changes were
- 7 made necessarily, we did cut down some of the
- 8 content to make it more streamlined and more
- visually appealing and more intuitive for 9
- 10 customers and contractors and just for the

average person to understand. 11

12 So what we have in terms of a proposal is a five- -- or a four-page document. So this 13 14 will be the new cover page (indicating), and we

added some more visuals in here. And we broke 15

it down into height and placement, as well as 16

17 materials, appropriate and inappropriate

street-visible materials. And we also added an 18 19

FAQ section here, so -- just to answer some of

20 those commonly asked questions.

21 And so that's, again, what we presented, and we would love some ideas or suggestions you 22

23 may have from a preliminary standpoint.

Otherwise, we would stand by for a 24

recommendation of approval.

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THE CHAIRMAN: All right. Questions for staff?

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COMMISSION MEMBERS: (No response.)

THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. I'll open the public 4

hearing if anybody is here to speak on this. 5

6 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: (No response.)

THE CHAIRMAN: Seeing none, we'll close

the public hearing, and I'll entertain a motion

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COMMISSIONER LOPERA: Motion to approve -recommend for approval the fencing and wall

COMMISSIONER GREGORY: Second. 13

THE CHAIRMAN: All those in favor? 14

COMMISSION MEMBERS: Ave.

THE CHAIRMAN: Those opposed? 16

17 COMMISSION MEMBERS: (No response.)

THE CHAIRMAN: Hearing none, you have 18

recommended approval of the new fencing 19

20 quidelines.

21 And, with that, we are on to Information.

22 We've got a 2024 Historic Preservation resource

23 packet, possibly.

24 MR. WELLS: Through the Chair to the

25 Commission, not necessarily just yet, but --

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originally, we were going to pitch the entire

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thing to you-all for this meeting, but we

decided it would be more prudent just to

present the first page, and then just explain

the purpose and intent, and then also look at

potentially what will be going within this --6

7 or going inside the resource packet.

8 So, again, coupled with the fencing

guidelines, our section wanted to make a series 9 10 of just updates to the way we interact with the

customer and just -- customers and public 11

and -- in general. So we came up with the idea 12

just to develop a resource packet that compiles 13

14 all of our different -- literally resources

pertaining to Historic Preservation, and then 15

just something that we can hand out to 16

17 customers and just streamline the process and

the forms that we have. 18

19 And so, ideally, we want to roll this out

20 in -- next year, or next month, actually, but I

wanted to get, just from a preliminary 21

standpoint, just any tips, ideas, or things 22

23 that you think would be helpful to include

24 within the resource packet.

So on Page 2 is a table of contents. So

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we just wanted to have a General

Information/Welcome section.

3 Helpful Links and Resources. So this

could be anything pertaining to just how to

apply for a COA, to the actual design

guidelines for both historic districts. It 6

would include a copy of the COA matrix. And a

subset of that is just including what we refer

to as the Scope of Work Quick Reference Guide.

So that details different types of scopes of 10

11 work and where it may fall under the scope --

12 or the COA matrix.

13 A list of definitions. How to apply for a

COA. Sufficiency deadlines, and the actual COA 14

process chart, Commission fees, the differences 15

between the local and National Register 16

17 Historic District, the new adopted fencing and

18 wall guidelines, and then the window

19 supplement.

20 COMMISSIONER EPSTEIN: Are the dates for

21 the meetings for this year in there and when

22 submissions are due by?

MR. WELLS: Through the Chair to

Commissioner Epstein, they are not, but that's 24

25 a good idea. I'll add that to the Table of

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1 Contents as well.

2 COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: Through the Chair,

3 question for staff. I don't think we've done

it in a while, but there have been times that 4

5 we've gone around to the districts, someone

6 from -- I think it was Lisa Sheppard in the

7 past, has gone around, just to -- like, at a

8 SPAR meeting or, like, community meetings and a

RAP meeting. And just, again, talking about 9

10 the guidelines.

Is there any -- is there any thought about 11 12 doing that with this, or -- because we still

13 have people that are claiming ignorance about

things, you know, and any kind of community 14

15 action -- I know you're -- it's not like you

16 don't have a lot of things to do, I realize

17 that, but, I mean, I -- I, for one -- that's

18 something that I would participate in; like, I

19 would help you to do that, if you wanted to,

20 just to get more word out to the general

21 community about the -- the historic guidelines

and things like this that they can access. 22

23 MR. WELLS: Through the Chair to

Commissioner Montoya, that -- that's a good 24

question because we initially just thought of

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just doing an email blast to all the community

organizations or just stakeholders within

3 the -- in both districts, but we do have

meetings with SPAR three times a year, and 4

5 usually we just go over the COA process, but I

think it would be helpful to -- just to touch 6

7 base on the new packet itself, and then do the

8 same thing for RAP, so that is a good idea.

9 THE CHAIRMAN: All right. Anybody have

10 anything else?

11 COMMISSION MEMBERS: (No response.) 12

THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. Let's move forward.

Pending legislation. 13

14 MR. WELLS: All right. So for this one,

this is the -- not much moving through the 15

Council right now, but we have Ordinance 16

2023-0796, so this is the bill that is -- the 17

landmark for 411 North Liberty Street, so it's 18

19 going to the Land Use and Zoning Committee

20 January 3rd.

21 And they also have a pending ordinance for

22 the denial of the after-the-fact wholesale

23 window replacement, so that will be happening

24 sometime next year.

25 And that is all the ordinances right now.

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COMMISSIONER EPSTEIN: Through the Chair, 1

I believe there are a couple of meetings that

are coming up about the Trio with that new

4 legislation that was coming up for that too.

5 That would be something to add to there, just

because it's such an important piece of

7 Jacksonville architecture.

8 THE CHAIRMAN: All right. I don't think we have any Public Works improvements, do we? 9

10 MR. WELLS: Through the Chair, we do not.

THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. Well, with that, I 11

12 think we would like to present Andres with a

13 little plaque here for your years of dedicated

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15 COMMISSIONER LOPERA: I thought my reward

16 was just taking my placard with my name on it

17 with me.

18 THE CHAIRMAN: No, actually, that has to

19 stay.

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20 COMMISSIONER LOPERA: Well, thank you.

21 It's been an honor to serve on this

commission for several years. I haven't won an

23 award since high school.

Thank you.

(Applause.)

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THE CHAIRMAN: Well, we appreciate 1

everything you've done. It's been -- how long 2

3 have you have been on this, six years?

COMMISSIONER LOPERA: As long as you have. 4

THE CHAIRMAN: I'll be seven years in

6 January.

7 All right. Well, you know, good luck out

8 there.

9 COMMISSIONER LOPERA: Thank you.

THE CHAIRMAN: Come back and see us.

11 COMMISSIONER LOPERA: Absolutely.

12 THE CHAIRMAN: All right. Does anybody

have anything else? 13

14 COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: I just want to echo

15 what everyone has said. I really enjoyed

working with you on this commission, and your 16

17 service has been invaluable. Your knowledge of

structural systems and your contribution day in 18

and day out on this panel has been really 19

great, so thank you. It's been a pleasure. 20

21 COMMISSIONER LOPERA: I appreciate that.

22 Thank you.

23 COMMISSIONER EPSTEIN: I was saying the

24 same thing before you came in. I was like,

25 man, I've got to, like, take notes and give

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better things, instead of, like, "This is bad."

2 You have always such important information 3 to give that's precise and succinct to actual

real things, so --4

5 COMMISSIONER LOPERA: I appreciate that.

6 Thank you, Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER GREGORY: I agree. A real 7 8 professional. Thank you.

9 COMMISSIONER LOPERA: Thank you.

THE CHAIRMAN: All right. Well, do you 10

want to adjourn us? 11

MS. LOPERA: I'm sorry. 12

> THE CHAIRMAN: What else have we got? MS. LOPERA: Well, we did not do public

14 comment and --

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THE CHAIRMAN: I'm sorry.

MS. LOPERA: I don't know if you all want 17 to talk about nominating the Rita Reagan 18

building as a local landmark, so just --19

20 THE CHAIRMAN: I'm going to open the 21 public comment, if anybody is here for public comment. 22

23 AUDIENCE MEMBER: My turn?

24 THE CHAIRMAN: Sure.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Okay.

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1 (Audience member approaches the podium.)

THE CHAIRMAN: If you'll state your name 2

3 and address for me.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Sure. 4

5 My name is Renee Ramos, and my

Jacksonville address 3845 Eloise Street, in 6 Jacksonville. 7

8 So I sent a letter in to include it in the public book for this meeting, but I can restate 9 10

11 I currently live in Arlington, Virginia, 12 in the historic district in Virginia, in -- in

Maine. I purchased a home in Jacksonville

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because I intend to retire here in 2025. When 14

I first bought it, they said I didn't -- the 15

rules didn't apply, but the historic office was 16

17 kind enough to send me a letter right after I

purchased to let them -- me know that it did, 18

which was great because I plan to renovate the 19

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The first thing I wanted to do was replace all the windows because they're faded, some of

them don't secure; like, the -- so I picked my

vendor, I picked Pella. The representative

25 said she would do the COA paperwork. I'm like,

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"Great." 1

2 So I read through some of your literature,

your reference literature. And wanting to keep

with the sort of historic look, I picked

lines -- I don't know what you guys call

them -- and I submitted my COA, and I got, No,

you can't do those lines because they weren't 7

8 there before.

9 Currently, my house, the upstairs has no

10 lines and the downstairs has lines, which I

think is ridiculous because, like, who would 11

buy a house with, you know, lines somewhere and 12

not the other? And so I said, All right. So 13

I'm working with the representative from the 14

COA office. She said, Well, you can either 15

pick lines or you can pick no lines. And when 16

17 I look outside my door, like, most of the

houses don't have lines, so I said, All right, 18

19 I'll pick no lines. And she said, No. I said,

20 Well I'll pick no lines even though it wasn't

21 my preference, but it was what the majority of

my neighbors had. So she's like, No, no, you 22

23 can't pick no lines. So I said, Fine, I'll

pick lines. And she says, Okay. 24

So I picked lines and I picked this --

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external lines. No problem. So I resubmitted my application, and I got my approval, and the

Pella representative read it. And there's two

lines in the approval that says that I would 4

5 have to paint them.

6 It says here, "All new 16" -- I'm

replacing 16 windows and a door. 7

8 "All new 16 windows shall be painted to reduce the glossy appearance of nonwood 9

10 material."

11 And item 12 was, "The new double sliding 12 door" -- "rear door shall be painted to reduce

the rear door and jamb." Appearance of 13

14 nonwood ...

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I don't really know tons about windows.

This is the first time I've had to replace 16

17 them. I probably wouldn't have caught it, but

the Pella representative said, You can't do 18

that because vinyl windows are intended --19

(Timer notification.)

21 MS. RAMOS: If you were to paint them,

22 then it would void your warranty.

So we spoke to Mr. Wells' office. And he 23

asked for a picture, so she submitted a picture 24

25 in, and sent an email saying that -- Okay,

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well, this isn't -- this is void. And so we're 2 like, Well, I need a new COA because, you know, this is going to be public knowledge if 3

somebody comes out from Compliance.

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So they did -- he did revise it, his office did revise it. And now it says -- it references that we provided a picture, and that based on the picture, it doesn't appear to be glossy. But now Number 2 says, "All new 16 windows shall be painted in the" -- "if the vinyl material appears to be glossy," and the same for the door.

Well, I did have a little bit of a (inaudible) background, and I'm in the government also. Sometimes we can be fairly rigid, so I know words matter. So I said, Well -- so we tried to define, well, what does "glossy" mean? I don't know what "glossy" means, and so I got warranty literature from the -- several --

I flew down and actually met with Mr. Wells and expressed my concern. Like, I certainly want to proceed with getting my windows, but this is almost like a 10 percent investment in my home, and I'm very concerned

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that I'm going to put almost \$40,000 of

windows, and should somebody come and look at

3 the windows, and if they think they're glossy,

I just want to make sure what my course of 4

action is. It's either paint them, which would 5

void my warranty, which I'm not going to do, or 6

7 replace them, which I'm not going to do, again,

8 because I just put \$40,000 in, or the City

could put a lien on my house because now I'm 9 10 not in compliance.

Yes, that would be the course of action. And so I said, Well, I don't understand, if we agree that this isn't glossy, why won't you remove it? And he said, Well, the board says that it's going to be an all-of-the-windows verbiage, so I did some research -- it's in my letter. I found several COAs issued after mine that have windows, and I don't see any appearance -- I don't see any verbiage that

So I flew down, and I'm here because, one, I would like my COA updated so that it removes the "glossy." And if -- two, I wanted to make sure the board knew. And if you are going to

25 require that, could you define what "glossy" is

talks about being glossy.

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so I make sure I have it because they're supposed to be installed on Monday, so --

3 THE CHAIRMAN: All right.

4 MS. RAMOS: That's what I wanted to 5 present to the board.

6 THE CHAIRMAN: Arimus, can you add any 7 context here?

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8 MR. WELLS: Yes. So through the Chair to 9 the Commission, so -- and I apologize, my 10 speaker is a little low.

But just to provide some context, the 11 12 applicant came in in regards to window replacement. And we have a set of conditions. 13 14 These conditions are not necessarily adopted by the Commission, but they are based on 15 historical precedent on -- in terms of how the 16 17

Commission has opined in the past, as well as the design guidelines. And so one of the conditions pertained

20 to -- that we've used -- regarding how, if 21 they're vinyl windows, they shall be painted to

reduce the glossy appearance, so the texture, 22

23 per se. And so I met with the applicant, and 24 she did not -- was uncomfortable with that

language because of the potential for it to

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be -- from the warranty standpoint. 1

2 And so I was uncomfortable from the

Department's standpoint to remove that

condition because, again, based on the

Commission's recommendations and findings in

the past, there has been some discussion in

terms of the glossy appearance of vinyl windows

and how that condition should be included, and

so I just thought it would be more fruitful for 9

10 the Commission to have a conversation on that

11 and just to adopt a uniform kind of standard

12 moving forward.

THE CHAIRMAN: Okay.

13 COMMISSIONER GREGORY: Is there a reason 14 that previously or historically we've had these 15 windows not glossy -- we prefer them not to be 16 glossy? Because you could paint a window with 17 a high-gloss paint if you wanted to and it 18 19 would be glossy. And I don't know if there's any requirements that we not use high-gloss 20 paint, you know, for historic properties. So

21 22 is the glossiness a major concern in that

23 sense?

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24 MR. WELLS: Through the Chair to Commissioner Gregory, if anything -- I believe 25

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replacement where the windows from -- without being painted would appear to be extremely --

4 THE CHAIRMAN: Vinyl.

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MR. WELLS: -- vinyl, yeah. 5

6 COMMISSIONER GREGORY: Yeah. They have a 7 plastic look to them.

MR. WELLS: Yes, a plastic look.

And so there was a recommendation made to 9 10 add that condition to COAs. And how that -has that been fairly applied to all COAs? Most 11 12 likely not, but ultimately that is something 13 that we've been trying to do a better job of in

14 adopting. So, again, we just wanted to have 15 that conversation.

16 COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: Through the Chair,

question for staff. Were there any -- was there a sample of the mullions in the window or anything that we can see?

MS. RAMOS: A picture was provided.

21 COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: That might be 22 something to consider in the future, you know,

23 having a -- they have a small --

THE CHAIRMAN: Sample.

COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: -- sample that you Diane M. Tropia, Inc., Post Office Box 2375, Jacksonville, FL 32203 (904) 821-0300

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can see and you actually see what the muntins

look like so you can make that determination. 2

3 MR. WELLS: Through the Chair to

4 Commissioner Montoya, if I may, just respond to

that. So, yeah, the applicant did provide a

picture of it and -- because we found that it 6

7 did not appear to be glossy, that's why we put

8 the language and the analysis in the COA that

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this does not appear to be glossy; however, we

10 do include that condition still just in case

the applicant decides to change their window 11

12 product information because a lot of times for

COA administrative approvals, we don't 13

14 condition it based on the product itself, we

just condition what is proposed in terms of the 15

16 grid design because, once they get to

17 permitting, products change, typically. So we

just wanted to go on the record in the event 18

19 that it does -- if she does decide to go with

20 that, then it does appear to not be glossy.

21 COMMISSIONER EPSTEIN: Through the Chair,

does it make sense, then, to add to a COA when 22

23 they -- you've been given a specific product or

material, to say that that product and material

25 is approved, but if it changes, you know, you

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have to come back to us and make sure -- you

it, some kind of -- because if she's proven and

that you've already come and said this is fine

to us now, and she's worried about what she's

still doing even though what she has approved

homeowner know what you've submitted is fine,

is fine, I think creating some kind of

additional language to let, you know, the

but if you change it, this condition applies.

did consider that, just -- with not just this

application, but just with other applications

in general, and so -- I'm just trying to think

potential way to, I guess, allow the applicant

only concern that we had, too, was that that

to proceed in a consistent manner. I think the

would possibly hold up their review process or

review timeline to go to permitting and then at the last minute this product can't be complied

with the Building Code or Fire Code or whatnot,

We tried to provide some vagueness to

here because I know that that would have been a

MR. WELLS: Through the Chair to

Commissioner Epstein, we -- at one point, we

know, if it's glossy, then you have to paint

allow for possibly even a change in their

product, but, ultimately, we could -- we could

3 support a -- that condition if you want to go

4 that route.

so --

COMMISSIONER GREGORY: I think it --

through the Chair, I think it leads to a 6

7 slippery slope if we have to list every

8 material of everything that's replaced on a

9 house on the exterior. I mean, if you had to

specify every little thing, a line item thing, 10

11 it's getting to be real hairy for -- a lot of

12 work for you guys to approve that and -- I

13 think a little bit of vagueness is helpful.

COMMISSIONER EPSTEIN: Through the Chair,

if somebody did come from the neighborhood and 15

said, "Hey, I think these" -- "I looked at the 16

17 COA and the COA said if the windows are glossy,

she has to paint them; she's not painting them. 18

I think they're glossy," but you've already 19

20 said -- I mean, there's a paper trail enough

21 that you could say, "No," as a, you know,

22 staff, "We approved these." So that should be 23 enough.

24 MR. WELLS: Through the Chair to

25 Commissioner Epstein, exactly. And that's what

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we thought would be a compromise of just

- 2 putting in the analysis that we did not find
- 3 these to be glossy. So from a permitting
- standpoint, we would be more than happy to sign 4
- off on the windows. But I think from the 5
- 6 applicant's standpoint, she was still concerned
- 7 about someone coming out and opining against
- 8 us, which no one would, essentially, because we
- have the final review in terms of an historic 9
- 10 sign-off for window replacement.

MS. RAMOS: I don't see anything that says 11

- 12 that he looked at window whatever and I
- installed window whatever, right? I mean, 13
- 14 there's a generic -- that the picture we
- 15 provided doesn't appear glossy, but ...
- THE CHAIRMAN: Well, I mean --16
- MS. RAMOS: There's no (inaudible). 17
- THE CHAIRMAN: Do you want the COA to 18
- say -- I mean -- go ahead. 19
- 20 MS. LOPERA: Through the Chair to the
- 21 speaker, my recommendation to you would be, if you feel like the COA doesn't adequately cover 22
- 23 your request, you can file a minor modification
- application and ask to have your COA modified,
- and say, I would like a -- you know, a line

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- item added to say that you have approved, and 1
- then name your windows, whatever code or 2
- however you want to identify them, but ask that 3
- it be modified to include that provision. 4
  - MS. RAMOS: Okay. I will.

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- 6 But just for the board, like, the Pella
- 7 representative was probably more upset than me
- that, you know, vinyl windows are what's being 8
- allowed now. And to put a provision to say 9
- 10 that you have to paint them she thought was
- 11 borderline unethical, so either allow them or
- 12 we don't, or if there's something that you're
- not going to allow with the vinyl, it, like, 13
- should be specified because they thought that 14
- it put the homeowners at risk. 15

THE CHAIRMAN: I mean, yeah. I mean, I

- 17 get that; it's an ever-changing -- it's an
- ever-changing art over here, so -- I think 18
- 19 there's some products that -- within the vinyl
- range, that we definitely allow. And I think 20
- 21 they're probably making some cheaper vinyl now
- that we probably would not because of the 22
- 23 glossiness, so it's something we need to look
- 24 at, so I appreciate it.
  - MS. RAMOS: Okay. Thank you.

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THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you. 1

2 Anyone want to jump back to New Business?

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3 COMMISSIONER LOPERA: The landmark.

4 COMMISSIONER GREGORY: Yeah. I'd like to

5 make a motion to consider the property at 6360

Commerce Street for -- to be landmarked for 6

- 7 historic preservation, for staff to put
- 8 together a -- I'm not sure --
  - COMMISSIONER LOPERA: A report.
- 10 THE CHAIRMAN: -- to write a report on
  - that.

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- MS. LOPERA: Is there a second?
- COMMISSIONER LOPERA: Second. 13
  - COMMISSIONER EPSTEIN: Through the Chair,
- I was just wondering if that addresses the 15
- whole site or if it's just the one building. 16
- 17 MR. WELLS: Through the Chair to
- Commissioner Epstein, it would just be for that 18
- 19 one building, so -- and it's -- and I didn't
- 20 explain this fully, but there's the -- there's
- 21 a total of five buildings on the property. Two
- of the -- three of the buildings are already 22
- 23 landmarked, but that particular structure, the
- 24 6360, is not.
  - COMMISSIONER EPSTEIN: So there's --

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through the Chair, there's one other building

that is not as well, beyond this one? MR. WELLS: Through the Chair, correct. 3

And so that one is the -- I want to say is

4 the pool building. And I could pull up the map 5

if that might help, actually. 6

7 COMMISSIONER EPSTEIN: Yeah, since we're

- doing this, if there's another building on the
- site and -- I mean, if the whole site is 9
- 10 historic to this integral, important film
- 11 industry in Jacksonville, maybe we just go
- 12 ahead and check the whole thing.

MR. WELLS: I'm having some technical 13

- difficulties. I'm going to scroll up to a 14
- different picture here, but based on this 15
- one -- I know it's a little hard to tell, but 16
- 17 we have 6337 Arlington Road, which has three
- 18 buildings. So it's this parcel right here
- (indicating). That's already designated. 19
- This is the subject property right here 20
- 21 (indicating). And then there's the -- and it's
- 22 not showing on the map here, but there's a pool
- 23 here that was used for sets -- or for filming. That parcel is also not designated. I believe
- 25 they're both owned by the City as well, but you

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would need to -- in terms of your motion, to 2 state 0 Arlington Road, nominate this parcel as 3 well. 4 COMMISSIONER GREGORY: I'm looking at the 5 aerial on Google Maps as well, and I don't see

6 any structure on there.

7 COMMISSIONER EPSTEIN: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER GREGORY: It's weird.

MR. WELLS: I think, if anything, it might be the pool. I know the pool is located here (indicating), and that might be the structure

12 they were referring to in ...

13 COMMISSIONER GREGORY: Yeah, and the 14 City's aerial from Jax GIS mapping, there's

15 nothing on there as well from 2023.

COMMISSIONER EPSTEIN: Yeah, it's like 16

a -- like sand. 17

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18 MR. WELLS: Okay.

COMMISSIONER GREGORY: Can you go back to 19

20 that site map that you had? It's like a

21 hand-drawn site map maybe. So we have a -- the

bearings of where it all is. 22

23 COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: That doesn't mean

24 we can't investigate it, go ahead and --

THE CHAIRMAN: We can --

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1 (Simultaneous speaking.)

2 COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: -- (inaudible).

3 We can pass -- we can vote on it and get

it rolling and then (inaudible) --4

THE CHAIRMAN: Have them look at it and (inaudible).

COMMISSIONER EPSTEIN: Yeah. 7

8 MR. WELLS: Okay. It looks like it was

9 cut off because it --

COMMISSIONER GREGORY: There's the sketch.

MR. WELLS: From my understanding, the 11

12 pool is -- the pool might be the second

building that -- a structure they were 13

referring to -- or the fifth structure they 14

15 were referring to.

COMMISSIONER EPSTEIN: Do we need to 16 17 nominate that as a separate address or can they be inclusive of each other? 18

19 MR. WELLS: They could be inclusive of 20 each other.

21 COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: That would be my

22 recommendation.

COMMISSIONER EPSTEIN: Yeah, so --

COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: We'll go forward 24

25 with it and get the ball rolling and --

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COMMISSIONER EPSTEIN: And if there's 1

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something there, you guys will find it.

3 COMMISSIONER GREGORY: I guess -- a

question for Carla. If we put them together,

5 are we able to pull them apart later? 6

MS. LOPERA: Through the Chair to

Commissioner Gregory, yeah, that's fine,

8 because they'll do their analysis in the

report, and then you can recommend to landmark 9

10 one parcel and not the other, however you want 11

to handle it.

12 COMMISSIONER GREGORY: Okay.

THE CHAIRMAN: That's (inaudible). 13

All right. Do we need to vote on that, I

15 presume?

16 COMMISSIONER GREGORY: Do we need to

17 amend --

18 MS. LOPERA: Yeah, why don't you amend to

19 include the parcel to the south. 20

COMMISSIONER GREGORY: I'd amend the 21 motion to include the parcel to the south on

O Arlington Road, owned by the City of 22

23 Jacksonville.

24 COMMISSIONER EPSTEIN: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: All those in favor?

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COMMISSION MEMBERS: Ave. THE CHAIRMAN: Those opposed?

3 COMMISSION MEMBERS: (No response.)

THE CHAIRMAN: Hearing none, now we will 4

vote on the motion as amended. 5

All those in favor? 6

7 COMMISSION MEMBERS: Aye.

8 THE CHAIRMAN: Those opposed?

9 COMMISSION MEMBERS: (No response.)

THE CHAIRMAN: Hearing none, you have 10 11 recommended staff to start the landmarking

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Unless anybody has anything else --13

COMMISSIONER LOPERA: The December 13th, 14

2023, meeting is now adjourned. 15

(The foregoing proceedings were adjourned 16 at 3:43 p.m.) 17

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