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commencing at $3: 17$ p.m., Jacksonville Public Library, Multipurpose Room, 303 North Laura 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.
ERIK C. KASPER, Secretary.
RYAN DAVIS, Commission Member.
MAIJU STANSEL, Commission Member, via Zoom.
TIMOTHY BRAMWELL, Commission Member.
MAX GLOBER, Commission Member.
ALSO PRESENT:
CHRISTIAN POPOLI, Planning and Development Dept
SUSAN KELLY, Planning and Development Dept.
LISA SHEPPARD, Planning and Development Dept.
ADRIENNE CHAMBERS, Planning and Development Dept.
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## PROCEEDINGS

April 28, 2021
3:17 p.m.

THE CHAIRMAN: We're going to go ahead and start the April 28th meeting of the Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission.

If we could just start with introductions real quick. Whoever, let's get it started here.

MS. SHEPPARD: Lisa Sheppard, Planning and Development Department's historic preservation section.

MR. POPOLI: Christian Popoli, Planning and Development.

MS. WEST: Kealey West, Office of General Counsel.

COMMISSIONER BRAMWELL: Tim Bramwell, commissioner.

COMMISSIONER LOPERA: Andres Lopera, commissioner.

THE CHAIRMAN: J.C. Demetree, chairman.
COMMISSIONER KASPER: Erik Kasper, commissioner.

COMMISSIONER GLOBER: Max Glober, commissioner.

COMMISSIONER STANSEL: Maiju Stansel, Diane M. Tropia, Inc., Post Office Box 2375, Jacksonville, FL 32203 (904) 821-0300
commissioner.
THE CHAIRMAN: Obviously, this is a half-in-person/half-Zoom meeting, so we're going to do our best to keep up with everybody. I'll give a little time when asking if anybody wants to talk.

On Zoom, I believe there is a "raise your hand" option; please utilize that. In case of emergency, there's also a "chat" option, so you can utilize that as well.

I'm going to go ahead and take a motion to approve our minutes from the March 24th meeting.

COMMISSIONER LOPERA: Motion to approve the minutes for the March 24, 2021, meeting.

COMMISSIONER BRAMWELL: Second.
THE CHAIRMAN: All in favor?
COMMISSION MEMBERS: Aye.
THE CHAIRMAN: Any opposed?
COMMISSION MEMBERS: (No response.)
THE CHAIRMAN: Hearing none, those have been approved, and we're going to move right into our consent agenda.

So we're going to run two consent agendas today, one leaving out COA-21-25278. It's Number 9 on the agenda list. We will come back

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to that and do a separate consent agenda for that as one of our commissioners cannot vote on that.

Let me run through our deferred items today. We have COA-21-24938, 324 6th Street West; COA-21-25226, 45 East 9th Street; and MMA-21-24910, 1836 Edgewood Avenue.

Our first consent agenda today -- do any commissioners have any ex-parte or would like to talk about anything before I go through this?

COMMISSIONER KASPER: Through the Chair, I'd like to pull Item 10 and discuss COA-21-25317.

THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. We will go ahead and pull COA-21-25317 from the consent agenda.

Do any commissioners have any thoughts or concerns?

COMMISSIONER BRAMWELL: I'll put my conflict on record for Item Number 9, COA-21-25278. The owner, Chanley Howell, is a partner in the law firm I work for.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.
So consent agenda Number 1 is COA-21-24977. It's on 2676 Gilmore Street. So COA-21-24977, 2676 Gilmore Street;

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COA-21-25101, 1854 Elizabeth Place;
COA-21-25197, 2855 Post Street; COA-21-25251, 0 East Second Street; COA-21-25259, 2634 Ernest
Street; COA-21-25269, 1923 Perry Street; COA-21-25272, 1341 Walnut Street; and COA-21-25318 is 1261 Dancy Street. Actually, we have two more. COA-21-25256, 0 Post Street and MMA-21-25218, 236 West 4th Street.

And I will entertain a motion -- or excuse me, I'm going to open the public hearing. The public hearing is now open.

Is there anyone here to speak on any of these COAs? I'll kind of give it another -about two minutes here.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Yes. COA-21-25256, 0 Post Street. We agree to consent. I had a --

Number 1, though, I would like to make a clarification. We thought there was a 3-foot building setback on the eastern side of the building. Apparently, it's 5 feet, so --

THE CHAIRMAN: Real quick. Who is talking right now? I'm not -- it's hard for me to see on our Zoom setup and it's pretty fuzzy.

I'm going to need you to state your name
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and address as well.
AUDIENCE MEMBER: I'm sorry. I can't hear you very well.

THE CHAIRMAN: Can you state your name and address and spell -- actually, spell your name and address for us.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: My name is Don Wilford, president of ICI Homes, 14079 Magnolia Cove Road.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: What's the address of the property?

MR. WILFORD: The property is (inaudible).
THE CHAIRMAN: Give me one second. We're having some technical difficulties yet again.

MR. POPOLI: Through the Chair, I'm pretty sure that's on their end.

THE CHAIRMAN: Can we maybe try and unplug whatever apparatus we're talking into on y'all's side and talk into a normal microphone? Because it's coming through very fuzzy.

MR. WILFORD: We're using a laptop. We're plugged into a laptop.

THE CHAIRMAN: I seemed to be able to hear that a little better.

MR. WILFORD: Okay. Is this clearer now?
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Can you hear?
THE CHAIRMAN: Somewhat. I don't know why it's coming through fuzzy.

MR. WILFORD: Yeah. Did you need me to repeat anything?

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes. If you could repeat basically from the top, that would be great.

MR. WILFORD: COA-21-25256, 0 Post Street.
My name is Don Wilford, W-i-l-f-o-r-d, president of ICI Homes in Jacksonville.

We agree to the consent order. I just had a point of interest on Number 1, that the -- it says reduce the home 2 feet because of a setback issue on the property line with the east side. We were told that it was a 3-foot setback. Apparently, it's a 5-foot setback, so we're going to shift the house over to make sure we're within that setback.

THE CHAIRMAN: Okay.
MR. WILFORD: And we agree with everything else.

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, please.
So I'll tell you what, I had kind of a hard time hearing this, but we can pull it off consent if there's something you want to talk
about. If you want to go that direction, it's more or less up to you.

MR. WILFORD: We consent. I just made a comment that, you know, we consent to the consent order.

THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. Great. Thank you.
COMMISSIONER LOPERA: Through the Chair, this is the one I just discussed with the staff regarding -- was it a 2 -foot setback to reduce the massing of the structure or was it just for the setbacks, the 2 -foot reduction in width?

MR. POPOLI: I mean, I guess the question is -- if we're going to discuss, it probably needs to come off consent.

My understanding is it was a reduction of the setback through a reduction of the width of the building. But if they are willing to comply with the condition, then how they do that can be addressed at the construction level, I suppose.

But I -- I mean, I -- they agreed to the condition. And I don't have it in front of me, but my recollection was the condition was to reduce the (inaudible).

MR. WILFORD: Well -- this is Don Wilford
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again -- we can't reduce -- the house is already designed and fitted, but we have plenty of room to maintain -- to center it up on the lot and give you a 5-foot setback on the side. The house is only $30--30$ feet wide or less.

THE CHAIRMAN: I think we're good to move on, then, because I think that accomplishes what the goal is.

MR. WILFORD: Thank you.
THE CHAIRMAN: Is there anybody else who would like to speak on any of these COAs?

MR. WILFORD: Not the builder --
THE CHAIRMAN: What?
MR. WILFORD: The builder doesn't need to speak anymore.

THE CHAIRMAN: Y'all are good. I think y'all are satisfying the -- satisfied with the consent order, so ...

MR. WILFORD: Okay. Thank you very much. We appreciate it.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.
Is anybody else here to speak on any of
the COAs on the consent agenda that I read off? AUDIENCE MEMBERS: (No response.) THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. We're going to close
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the public hearing and I'll entertain a motion. COMMISSIONER LOPERA: Motion to approve the consent agenda.

COMMISSIONER KASPER: Second the motion. THE CHAIRMAN: All those in favor? COMMISSION MEMBERS: Aye.
THE CHAIRMAN: Those opposed? COMMISSION MEMBERS: (No response.) THE CHAIRMAN: Hearing none, the consent agenda has been approved.

MR. POPOLI: Through the Chair, because we have Commissioner Stansel remotely, if you could do roll call votes for the remainder of the meeting just so it's clear on the record.

THE CHAIRMAN: Sure.
We have a second consent agenda consisting strictly of COA-21-25278, 3663 Richmond Street. I'll go ahead and open the public hearing.

Is anyone here to speak on this COA?
AUDIENCE MEMBERS: (No response.)
THE CHAIRMAN: Seeing and hearing none, we will close the public hearing and I will
entertain a motion.
COMMISSIONER LOPERA: Motion to approve COA-21-25278.

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COMMISSIONER KASPER: Second the motion. THE CHAIRMAN: All those in favor -excuse me one second.

Commissioner Lopera.
COMMISSIONER LOPERA: Aye.
THE CHAIRMAN: Commissioner Kasper. COMMISSIONER KASPER: Aye.
THE CHAIRMAN: Commissioner Stansel.
COMMISSIONER STANSEL: Aye.
THE CHAIRMAN: Commissioner Glober.
COMMISSIONER GLOBER: Aye.
THE CHAIRMAN: Commissioner Bramwell.
COMMISSIONER BRAMWELL: Conflicted out.
THE CHAIRMAN: Oh, right. Also aye.
So that carries.
(Commissioner Bramwell abstains from voting.)

THE CHAIRMAN: And we will move on.
Okay. Our first COA of the day we're going to pull from the consent agenda, COA-21-25317, 1261 Dancy Street.

Do we have a staff report?
MR. POPOLI: Yes. Give me just a moment to pull up the report.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.
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COMMISSIONER KASPER: Through the Chair to staff, maybe it short-circuits items, my concern is the low slope of the roof on the garage.

MR. POPOLI: Through the Chair, we did not condition a change in slope, but I don't know that it would necessarily impact anything that we reviewed in the staff report. So I'll pull the report up and go through it, but -- the staff report starts on Page 342. So I'll give my report.

Through the Chair, this is COA-21-25317.
It is a request for construction of a new two-story accessory garage. This will be replacing an existing noncontributing garage.

Okay. Here's the site plan (indicating). You can see the primary house faces Dancy Street. The side of the house faces Randall. It's a corner lot. You can see here on the screen, this is the existing garage. This is where the new, proposed garage will be.

As mentioned, it's a two-story garage with a two-bay design with a living space above. To Commissioner Kasper's comment, it is a rather low-pitched roof. We did condition that the

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structure. It is at the rear of the property, but it does face a side road and it fronts a side road. If you go back to that slide, you can you that that same elevation, the house -I'm sorry, go down a couple -- maybe that one. But there's another one that shows closer.

It feels that that side elevation should have a similar roof slope to the house. This slope appears to be not complementary with the neighborhood. I see that there's a small dormer that has a similar slope, but that's a small element, not the entire home.

So I guess you're telling me that, as staff, there's no requirement for the roof pitches to be similar and the massings -- or really the roof pitches.

MR. POPOLI: There's some language in the administrative matrix that deals with front-facing gables as a typical element for accessory structures if they choose not to match the traditional roof form -- say it was a hip roof or something like that. I concur that a higher pitch would probably make it more compatible. It obviously didn't jump out at us, but it's a good point.

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COMMISSIONER LOPERA: Through the Chair, I agree that in the past accessory structures have typically matched the main roof pitch of the house and not the dormers of the house; is that correct?

MR. POPOLI: Yeah. I mean, dormers are secondary. We typically don't use that as the reference point.

COMMISSIONER LOPERA: Yes. Correct.
Thank you.
THE CHAIRMAN: Anybody else have questions for staff?

COMMISSION MEMBERS: (No response.)
THE CHAIRMAN: All right. We're going to open the public hearing. Is the applicant here?

MR. ALLMAND: (Indicating.)
THE CHAIRMAN: Come on up.
(Mr. Allmand approaches the podium.)
THE CHAIRMAN: State your name and address.

MR. ALLMAND: John Allmand, 3750 Oak Street, Jacksonville, Florida 32205.

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

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MR. ALLMAND: (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. ALLMAND: I do.
THE REPORTER: Thank you.
MR. ALLMAND: That is a great comment. Thank you.

Am I good? Oh, I'm sorry. Thank you.
We would love to increase the pitch of the roof. The existing pitch of the roof is the way it is in order to stay below the existing structure. There is a COA coming up that asked to increase the height of the existing roof, and so if we were to -- if we were to get that approved, then we could extend the pitch of the roof and still stay under the height of the main structure.

So, I mean, you know, we would be willing to say we would increase the height -- or the pitch of the roof so the height stays within 6 inches below the existing roof of the house.
Just trying to kind of maintain its
subordinance [sic] to the surrounding -- to the
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main structure, and that's what we were trying to do.

And what we got caught in, if you will notice, is the existing structure doesn't have a roof. And so we're putting a roof on top of this new structure and we're going to kind of pinch them in between. So that's why you kind of get this weird-looking form.

But I'll also -- you know, I'll double down on that observation in the sense that this is a contributing structure. The house has a pitch of $X, Y, Z$. The garage pitch does absolutely not match it, not in form or pitch.

So we're actually coming closer by this new structure to matching the architecture of the existing structure. It doesn't quite hit the pitch, but it does meet the form, which I would argue, more important.

So I'm -- I am certainly open to increasing the pitch to whatever you guys think is a good idea. I -- even if it goes above the main structure, I'll be open to that too. I just -- you know, the -- I'm just trying to explain the reason why we have it the way it is is to kind of respect the importance of the
main structure and have this new second -- this new, secondary structure be subordinate of it.

Any questions for me?
THE CHAIRMAN: Any questions for John?
COMMISSIONER STANSEL: I have a question.
I'm on the screen, John.
MR. ALLMAND: Gotcha.
COMMISSIONER STANSEL: So it looked like you were trying to stay under 20 feet for this garage structure. Is the main house only 20 feet tall? Because that's the structure we're trying to keep you under is the main house.

MR. ALLMAND: Yes, ma'am. I -- being on the consent agenda, I didn't bring a set to kind of look at, so I would say, just going through the process, I don't remember the exact numbers, but I remember that the driving factor for the slope of the roof was the height of the existing structure. So whether that's 20 feet or 30 feet, or 130 feet, I don't know what it was. I just remember that that's the driving factor.

COMMISSIONER KASPER: Through the Chair to staff, it really would -- would it not be the

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1 height of the main structure, that you're subordinate to the main structure regardless of what the old garage was?

MR. POPOLI: Through the Chair, yeah. We would -- I mean, that condition was based on the height of the primary structure and making sure it was below that.

MR. ALLMAND: So as a recommendation, we could stay -- we could agree to increase the pitch to the highest level possible by still saying a minimum of 6 feet under the main structure. That way, if the other COA gets approved, we can increase the height of it and -- you know, and have a nicer roof.

Go ahead.
COMMISSIONER LOPERA: Through the Chair to John, so would you be able to just match the main roof pitch as -- you know, traditionally, when we deal with subordinate structures, you match the main roof pitch of the house and then wherever -- however tall the walls are, the walls are just that tall in keeping under 20 feet. And then, you know, if for some other reason the COA gets approved, then, of course, you can just increase the height of the walls

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to match (inaudible) 6 inches.
MR. ALLMAND: I love that idea.
If we match the pitch of the original house, the main house, the height of the secondary structure will exceed that of the primary structure. And if you guys are okay with that, so am I. But that's kind of contrary to kind of standard operating procedure, I guess.

COMMISSIONER STANSEL: I'm not sure that's what Commissioner Lopera was indicating.

COMMISSIONER KASPER: The trick is that the main house is kind of one-and-a-half stories -- or maybe it is two-story, but the second story is part of the roof structure. And this garage is a full two stories with a roof on top of it. That's, to me, where I'm finding the uncomplementariness [sic] of it, is that the main house is really one story with a second story that's embedded in the roof and in the dormer, and this garage is a full second story with a roof on top. And that's where our pitches are getting off. I'm afraid that if we proceed with a full second story, as you have shown and a pitch that matches, it would be

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considerably taller.
So I think we're in a -- in a pickle between, we either allow the current design that stays below the height and subordinate but it has an odd, low-sloped roof, or we go back and dictate a pitch that matches and staying under the main house roof.

MR. ALLMAND: Got it.
COMMISSIONER LOPERA: That's what I was
trying to say, is the one-and-a-half-story garage to match the one-and-a-half-story main structure.

MR. ALLMAND: I'm sorry. Yeah, I understand that now.

COMMISSIONER LOPERA: Okay. Thank you.
COMMISSIONER BRAMWELL: So, you know, follows on to what they were suggesting, but that something in what you said led me to wonder, is there a pitch in between here? You know, you're at 11 feet, (inaudible) -- sorry, 19 feet, 11 and 3/4 inches. Is there a pitch one can -- can you increase the pitch and -and still remain under -- more than 6 inches under the primary structure right now?

MR. ALLMAND: I would have to say that --
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negative.
COMMISSIONER BRAMWELL: Okay. And then you mentioned another COA. Is this projected for next month's meeting or something?

MR. ALLMAND: No. It's on today's agenda.
COMMISSIONER BRAMWELL: Today's.
COMMISSIONER STANSEL: Can I ask a question, why they weren't put together?
Because they seem as though they are reliant on each other.

MR. POPOLI: Through the Chair, so you may recall that I sent out an amended agenda with the second staff report earlier today. That item had been deferred -- which is the one that John is referring to, dealing with the roof -since November. And so it was not anticipated that this was going to be moving forward today when the other two were drafted.

COMMISSIONER STANSEL: Okay.
THE CHAIRMAN: John, the pitch on the dormer, just out of curiosity, is -- how close are you to matching that?

MR. ALLMAND: I would say within, you know, like, 1, or a, you know, degree of, you know, 1 over 12. They are -- they are

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complementary.
THE CHAIRMAN: All right. Any more questions for John at the moment? COMMISSION MEMBERS: (No response.)
THE CHAIRMAN: We will bring you back.
MR. ALLMAND: Thank you.
THE CHAIRMAN: Anybody else here to speak on this COA?

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: (No response.)
MR. POPOLI: Through the Chair, you have someone on Zoom. It appears to be Warren Jones from RAP.

THE CHAIRMAN: Pull him up.
MR. JONES: Good afternoon. Thank you very much.

In case you stick with the original design, we did have a comment on that. And we would like to read that into the record. And that is there's an awkward relationship on the gable elevation between the window headers and the sloped right board. And consider a triple window set at the center of the gable to allow more space.

Thank you.
THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.
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Anyone else here to speak on this COA? MR. ALLMAND: Can I reply to that?
THE CHAIRMAN: Sure.
(Mr. Allmand approaches the podium.)
MR. ALLMAND: That sounds like a great idea.
THE CHAIRMAN: Easy enough.
Any other people to speak on this COA?
AUDIENCE MEMBERS: (No response.)
THE CHAIRMAN: All right. With that, we will close the public hearing and I will entertain a motion.

COMMISSIONER BRAMWELL: First thing, can I direct a question to Counsel through the Chair?

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.
COMMISSIONER BRAMWELL: Is there a way for us to defer this to later in the meeting so that we can consider the other COA and then decide on this one?

MS. WEST: That's at your discretion. You can table -- what you would do is table what you are doing right now and then move forward, or you can actually decide to take that one out of order and bring it forward. It would be up to you.

MR. POPOLI: Through the Chair, this is
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the last consent item, correct?
THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.
MR. POPOLI: The next item would be previously deferred. That would be the next item.

THE CHAIRMAN: We have another consent item -- okay. That's fine. We can table this discussion and go ahead and go on to the next COA and do it that way.

MS. SHEPPARD: Through the Chair, just real quick, we had discussed -- we're deferring the next item, and there are some people who are queuing up on the Zoom call for the item that you're -- you've agreed to defer. You may want to make that announcement.

THE CHAIRMAN: We're going to go ahead and defer COA-21-25100, 150 Phelps Street, just to let everyone know. So if you were here to speak on that COA, please come back next month because it will be deferred as of today.

So with that, on our agenda as well, under Previously Deferred Items to be Heard, we are moving on to COA-21-24426, 1261 Dancy.

MR. POPOLI: Through the Chair, just one moment.

Through the Chair, this is COA-21-24 --
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no, sorry. This is COA-20-24426, located at 1261 Dancy Street.

COMMISSIONER BRAMWELL: Just to clarify, this is not the second 1261 Dancy Street. This is a separate COA that is not included in the book, correct?

MR. POPOLI: Through the Chair, yes.
This item was deferred from November and was sent out late today after the applicant asked to be heard because the item had been noticed and a report was drafted back in November and it was just deferred up until this point.

All right. So, in essence, what we have here -- as you have seen from the other pictures -- and I can't rotate this for some reason. But from the previous COA, you saw pictures of the house. And it has a unique dormer situation, along with the main roof line.

So if we're looking from the side, you have what is the kind of primary gabled roof form and then these front and back rather large dormers (indicating). So this is the existing here. And it's worth noting that the two

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dormers basically are the same height at their terminus where they meet as the primary roof form.

The proposal from the applicant is to raise those dormers above the primary roof line, thus creating this new high pitch -- high point on the roof where the dormers are now the dominant roof form. The design guidelines and the Secretary of Interior standards both stress that the primary roof form, particularly with things like dormers or additions, is a character-defining feature and dormers or additions that are added shouldn't be higher than the primary roof and shouldn't diminish the primary roof form or change it substantially.

So, in this case, by raising the dormers and connecting them, regardless of whether they're connected internally, but visually from the outside of the house -- the main roof form now becomes that long, narrow dormer that runs from front to back of the house, and the primary gable of the roof becomes secondary, and it alters the character of the house.

Because of that -- and I recognize that, you know, what they are asking to raise it to

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is not a substantial different height, but it does -- you know, again, particularly from the side, you can see -- alters that primary roof form.

And so based on that, we recommended denial because we think that the impact to the house would be to ultimately change the way it appears on the street and alters its historic character.

There are pictures inside, but here can you see -- this is the existing dormer (indicating). And as we've discussed, the primary roof has a steeper slope than the dormer.

Again, here's the dormer seen from, I believe, the rear (indicating), and from the front.

So I'm happy to take questions. But again, staff is recommending denial based on the impact to the historic roof form of the house.

THE CHAIRMAN: Questions for staff? COMMISSION MEMBERS: (No response.) THE CHAIRMAN: We're going to open the public hearing.

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John.
(Mr. Allmand approaches the podium.)
MR. ALLMAND: Thank you for the staff report, Christian, and thank you for letting this item be heard. I appreciate that.

This is a really interesting case we have here. Just to give you a little bit of history, I think that the COA -- I was not retained by the owners when the original COA was submitted, and I kind of came in after the fact to do a few things. That's kind of why there's a bunch of COAs for this property; it's kind of split up into a little bit of -- in a couple different chunks. So that might help explain a couple of things about kind of the process, I think.

And then it also might explain -- you know, there's some differences that we encountered on these drawings. Really, the ask is to kind of increase -- you know, this is kind of a half-story above. But unlike a lot of the houses you go through in the
neighborhood where it's kind of like an attic that was made, you know, a liveable space, this was always a liveable space.

There's a bathroom up there. It's very -there's a bedroom. It's very clear that this space was -- there's stairs, original. That it's very clear that this kind of, you know, had been used for, you know, quite some time, if not into the period of significance. I'm speculating that, but it certainly appears, like, that this space up there had always been used.

Now -- and when you go up there, the bottom of the collar ties -- not collar ties, but the bottom cord of the conventional frame is 6 foot 4, right? And so -- you know, in the process of kind of modifying -- of modifying this structure, you know, that kind of -- you know, that doesn't allow you to have kind of a different -- a liveable space anymore.

So what we're trying to do is correct something that -- that, you know, is -- you know, wasn't kind of code back in the beginning, but to retain the character of having this second floor space be liveable, you know. And what we want to do is go from 6 foot 4 to ideally 7 foot 6 , and that's going to have ramifications on the outside of the

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building. Understood. And that's really our ask.

Now, in terms of an aesthetic, if you look at the front elevation the way it is, you're kind of -- on that front dormer, you kind of have that same kind of pinch at the corner of the windows and the pitch that you do -- that were -- that we have on the -- on the -- that we're recommending for the garage. So, you know, the idea is -- well, I understand and respect changing a roof form is a big deal in the historic district. I understand that --
(Timer notification.)
THE CHAIRMAN: Keep going.
MR. ALLMAND: I would just like to maintain that second floor as a usable space.

Any questions for me?
THE CHAIRMAN: Questions for John? COMMISSION MEMBERS: (No response.)
THE CHAIRMAN: We'll call you back up.
Is anybody else here to speak on this COA?
AUDIENCE MEMBERS: (No response.)
THE CHAIRMAN: Do we have anybody on Zoom? MR. POPOLI: No hands on Zoom.
THE CHAIRMAN: All right. We'll go ahead
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and close the public hearing and I'll entertain a motion.

COMMISSIONER LOPERA: Motion to approve -to -- it's a deny. Motion --

MR. ALLMAND: No, you're right.
COMMISSIONER LOPERA: Motion to deny COA-20-24426.

COMMISSIONER KASPER: Second.
THE CHAIRMAN: All right. Anybody have thoughts on this?

COMMISSIONER KASPER: So through the Chair, as I look at the existing structure, both in elevation, the drawing, and in the pictures, it is important that there is a large kind of main, primary roof that runs across the width of the structure. And that dormer is significant and it does come out to the front elevation. It does go to the back elevation, but it is subordinate. It's skinnier. It's set in. It's a different -- it's a different color, but -- and so I think it's important that it continues to stay subordinate and that the main, large roof structure that covers the entire house remain -- as visually, as the dominant form.

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So in that sense I would agree with staff's recommendation of denial.

COMMISSIONER STANSEL: Through the Chair, I concur with Commissioner Kasper. Connecting those dormers through may not be visually realized street-side or garage-side, but it's definitely a visual from the side, which is a primary viewing angle based off the photos we've seen.

So I -- I have a hard time going against staff's recommendation.

THE CHAIRMAN: Does anybody else have any thoughts?

COMMISSIONER KASPER: Well, through the Chair, I think the only counter-discussion we heard was the need or the desire to have that second-floor space have more ceiling height to make it more liveable. I'm not sure if that's a criteria that we can -- we can use to override the forms.

THE CHAIRMAN: I would agree with that. As much as I don't want to, I think that point makes a lot of sense.

All right. Anybody else have any thoughts?
COMMISSIONER LOPERA: Yeah. Through the
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Chair, the -- although the usability of the space is obviously important to the client, that, you know, retained you-all to come in and aid with a plan of that, I don't believe there's anything in the Secretary of Interior standards that allows us to use that as a -basically, a reasoning to increase the -- the height of the secondary structures, the dormers higher than the main roof pitch of the house.

THE CHAIRMAN: I'll take a vote.
Commissioner Lopera.
COMMISSIONER LOPERA: Aye.
THE CHAIRMAN: Commissioner Kasper. COMMISSIONER KASPER: Aye.
THE CHAIRMAN: Commissioner Stansel.
COMMISSIONER STANSEL: Aye.
THE CHAIRMAN: Commissioner Glober. COMMISSIONER GLOBER: Aye.
THE CHAIRMAN: Commissioner Bramwell.
COMMISSIONER BRAMWELL: Aye.
THE CHAIRMAN: And aye.
COA-20-24426 has been denied, and we will move on to the garage discussion we left off at. So we're flipping back to COA-21-25317.

I'm going to go ahead and open the public
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hearing again one more time.
Is anyone here to speak on this COA? You will have the opportunity yet again to speak on it, if there's anyone.
(Mr. Allmand approaches the podium.)
MR. ALLMAND: This is John Allmand.
Well -- so we have the roof question
answered. So I -- you know, we wouldn't be able to increase the pitch now, but we could -if we could keep the pitch the way it is and have a window pair kind of centered above the garage doors, that might kind of get a -- get away from kind of the awkwardness of having that pinch between the top of the window and the roof element.

We're open to any kind of suggestions you might have in that regard.

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

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: (No response.)
THE CHAIRMAN: Anybody on Zoom?
MR. POPOLI: No.
THE CHAIRMAN: So we'll close the public hearing and I'll entertain a motion.

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crossed my mind at this moment in looking at this and listening to Commissioner Bramwell, one of the things that Mr. Allmand could employ to help us visually get over the shallowness of this pitch would be to put a little 6-inch faux steeper pitch on the roof. It's -- it will look like dormers growing out of the side of it instead of a low-pitched dormer or -- or low-pitched, sloped roof.

That's an architectural suggestion. It's nothing -- I mean, if we want to make a condition based off that, that's -- I mean, I'll let someone else do that verbiage, but that would be a suggestion I would make that would help it feel more like the original structure that exists on site.

THE CHAIRMAN: I think that's a good suggestion.

Anybody else have thoughts?
COMMISSIONER KASPER: Through the Chair, I would agree with Commissioner Stansel. If we could pull up the image from the last COA, which referenced the dormer height, it has a good drawing of the side elevation of the existing home, which would be the same

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elevation that this garage would front. And the notion of having some profile that alludes to the pitch of the existing home would be helpful.

So in a perfect scenario, the garage would model that form of the existing home to show that steeper pitch, at least as an elevational element, either at 6 inches or 2 feet. But again, I'll leave that as a suggestion, that the -- that we would -- that the architect would introduce an element that nods to -- to the existing home.

THE CHAIRMAN: Anybody else have comments?
COMMISSIONER KASPER: Through the Chair to staff, to add suggestions -- do we need to add that as a motion to make a suggestion?

MS. WEST: Through the Chair, if you want it to be part of the final order, then, yeah, you would need to amend the staff report to add the suggestion.

COMMISSIONER KASPER: Very well. I will make a motion to add a suggestion that the garage elevation facing -- what is that road -Randall Street would have a roofline element that mimics the existing home also on Randall

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Street.
COMMISSIONER LOPERA: Second.
THE CHAIRMAN: So we will call for a vote on the motion as amended.

Commissioner Lopera.
COMMISSIONER LOPERA: Aye.
THE CHAIRMAN: Commissioner Kasper. COMMISSIONER KASPER: Aye.
THE CHAIRMAN: Commissioner Stansel. COMMISSIONER STANSEL: Aye. THE CHAIRMAN: Commissioner Glober. COMMISSIONER GLOBER: Aye. THE CHAIRMAN: Commissioner Bramwell. COMMISSIONER BRAMWELL: Just one clarification, are we voting to amend it or the motion as amended?

THE CHAIRMAN: To amend, actually, first. COMMISSIONER BRAMWELL: Aye.
THE CHAIRMAN: And I'll -- aye.
And then we'll call for a vote for the motion as amended.

Commissioner Lopera.
COMMISSIONER LOPERA: Aye.
THE CHAIRMAN: Commissioner Kasper. COMMISSIONER KASPER: Aye.
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THE CHAIRMAN: Commissioner Stansel. COMMISSIONER STANSEL: Aye.
THE CHAIRMAN: Commissioner Glober. COMMISSIONER GLOBER: Aye. THE CHAIRMAN: And Commissioner Bramwell. COMMISSIONER BRAMWELL: Aye.
THE CHAIRMAN: And aye for me.
So we have approved COA-21-25317, 1261
Dancy Street.
And we will move forward to COA-21-24995, 1928 Morningside Street.

MR. POPOLI: Through the Chair, actually, Adrienne is going to give this report, so be nice.

MS. CHAMBERS: Through the Chair, Adrienne Chambers, Historic Preservation, addressing COA-21-24995, 1928 Morningside Street.

This application is to remove an existing bay window and replace it with a 25 -foot-long, street-facing, attached garage addition on a contributing structure in Riverside Avondale.

The applicant claims that the bay window is not original and was previously a replaced historic garage door; therefore, they are requesting the addition to add a 24 -foot-long

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attached garage in the front yard of an inner lot.

If the application -- if the applicant wanted to restore the claimed historic garage, that would be done by removing the bay window and adding a garage door in its place, flush with the existing front wall of the home.

The applicant has an existing driveway to the rear of the property, and the rear of the property is currently paved with enough room for a detached, two-story garage, which would not be readily straight-visible.

The height of the roof on the addition is consistent with the main structure, the historic contributing structure, but there are other additions on the home that have a consistent 2 -over-12 roof height that, should this go forward, would be more appropriate to not appear as false history on the property.

Also, per the Riverside Avondale standard conditions and the Secretary of the Interior, placement of new entrances on principal facades should be avoided under Standard 2. And for the relationship of building masses and setbacks, putting a new garage in front of the

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home would change the front to be forward of those neighboring lots and closer to the street than existing structures on the street. There's also a very common, rear-detached garage on most of the properties on the river side of the street where this house is located.

For landscaping -- this application is not requesting the removal of the existing driveway that goes to the rear of the house; however, should this be approved, that driveway would need to be removed as only one driveway could be allowed per property.

And the removal of the bay window would change the front elevation's character, and it has not been proven that the bay window is not original to the contributing structure. Without knowing when the bay window was constructed, it's unclear if it meets the criteria of a contributing feature on the home, if it replaced a garage door at one point.

And the historic guidelines for Riverside Avondale state: Garages were often added as an afterthought and are frequently of insignificant design and material. Where they are less than 50 years old or insignificant,

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they can be electively removed if necessary.
THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.
Any questions for staff?
COMMISSION MEMBERS: (No response.)
THE CHAIRMAN: We're going to open the public hearing.

Is the applicant here?
(Mr. Allmand approaches the podium.)
THE CHAIRMAN: You can come on up.
MR. ALLMAND: I also -- I don't know how to -- I have, like, handouts. I don't know how to do that. Okay.
(Tenders documents to the Commission.)
MR. ALLMAND: So a couple of different things on this -- on these handouts. First of all, thank you, staff, for the report. It was a good report. There's a couple of things I took issue with, when I get to that, but the primary thing I want to talk about is the fact that we're putting in an addition in front of the house, yes, in the area where the garage originally was. Now, is that proven? No. But there's a lot of different reasons why I think that.

Number one, where the bay window is,
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it's -- that -- that whole area of the house is about the size of a garage, open. The structure is set to be open, a 20 by 20. It's sequestered from the rest of the house. It's sunken to the ground level, and the bay area -the bay window has a clear and open structure original to the house that's the size of a garage door.

So, you know, kind of using my best sense of architectural forensics, you know, it looks very likely to -- it looks very like a garage. And from the -- from the floor plan. And I'd like -- I'd like the commissioners to take a look at the set of drawings I have and especially the demo plans showing why we think, at some point in time, that was closed in, the bay window added, and a chimney added to the side.

You know, we look back at the Sanborn maps and we didn't see that it said garage. So, you know, absolutely a hundred percent true, we don't have pictures of it. This is conjecture at this time, but I think it's really good conjecture. So I want to start with that.

So, you know, we're, you know -- and that is to build on the idea that we're adding a

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1 garage where a garage historically was and 2 isn't right now. I think that's important to kind of talk about. And I think that's kind of important to kind of talk about. So that's thing one.

You know, the other kind of -- the other kind of thing that isn't kind of typically approved at the HPC in a historic neighborhood is the forward-facing nature of the garage. And every single garage in this neighborhood is

The house to the right is forward-facing. I'm the one who did the architecture for it. The house across the street is forward-facing and sticking forward of the facade. This is the house across the street (indicating). Now, is that one contributing? No. But it's, like, 1950s, like, right outside the period of significance. So I'm just trying to kind of set the tone of the context of where we're -what we're doing. And I think it's important to understand that in this particular case.

The second thing to talk about is the massing of this piece. It -- it is in the front. There's a house across the street that

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has a forward-facing -- a front-facing garage.
I have ten seconds.
The front -- I've got -- there's the timer.
(Timer notification.)
MR. ALLMAND: Something about estate lots that's important to say. I'll just leave it there.

Any questions for me? Do I get any questions about the estate lot comment?

COMMISSIONER LOPERA: Elaborate.
MR. ALLMAND: Perfect. Thank you, sir.
Inside y'all's packet there's a copy that I received from Devin on the -- of a -- the Sanborn maps. And if you see, this house steps back significantly from the adjacent houses.
So when you put an addition on the front of the house, it's going to closely resemble the front of the existing -- it's on the Sanborn maps -on the handout that I gave, I'm sorry.

It's going to -- this house steps back from the adjacent houses, both adjacent houses. So an addition to the front is going to bring that front facade closer to the adjacent -- the adjacent houses. That's thing one.

Diane M. Tropia, Inc., Post Office Box 2375, Jacksonville, FL 32203 (904) 821-0300 not an estate lot; it is on the water. Morningside, this whole side is on the river. And estate lots, typically being kind of on the water, always had their garages in front. They always had them in front. And they had them in front because they didn't want to stick a garage in the back and have it interrupt with their river kind of view and, you know, activities going on at the river.

And I think that -- I think that this is -- this is a function -- now granted, this is not an estate lot, but it's the same concept that if we put a garage in -- a huge garage in the back that we're kind of cutting off this, you know, view of the river and access to it, which is what kind of historically created front garages on estate lots in Riverside.

Any further questions?
THE CHAIRMAN: All three houses to the left have garages in the back?

MR. ALLMAND: All three houses, forward-facing. Correct, forward-facing. That's what I was talking about.

THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. The house to the
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right has -- yeah, has a forward-facing -- it's very set back, correct?

MR. ALLMAND: Correct.
And the house -- the house across the street has a forward-facing -- where the front of the garage is forward of the facade.

THE CHAIRMAN: Correct. But the houses to the left, all the -- the next three all seem to have the garage in the back, correct?

MR. ALLMAND: Correct. And all forward-facing, yes, sir.

And remember, this house had a forward-facing garage in the front. If you look at the -- if you look at the floor plans, it's really clear that it's sunken. You step up into a vestibule to go into the kitchen. There's a wide -- there's a large opening in the front. My architectural Spidey senses are telling me garage.

Any other questions?
COMMISSIONER LOPERA: Through the Chair, are you saying there was a 16-foot or
20-foot-wide garage in front of this house?
MR. ALLMAND: Absolutely. Absolutely.
COMMISSIONER LOPERA: Did you check the
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brickwork with your Spidey senses as you mentioned?

MR. ALLMAND: Talk to me about the brickwork. I mean, I looked at the brickwork of the house. Did I check it? Did I kind of ding it with a ball-peen hammer? Negative.

COMMISSIONER KASPER: Did you look at it?
MR. ALLMAND: Yes.
COMMISSIONER LOPERA: What did you see?
MR. ALLMAND: I saw a situation that made me think that was a garage -- forward-facing, original garage.

COMMISSIONER LOPERA: And also, through the Chair, are you saying that there's nowhere else to put a forward-facing garage, considering that the houses next door have forward-facing garages that are detached?

MR. ALLMAND: There is a place to put a forward-facing garage in the back. That is correct. I think that the correct place historically for this garage is in the front.

COMMISSIONER KASPER: Through the Chair to the applicant, when I review your demolition drawing which you submitted -- and you mention that the -- there's an area that is sunken.

There's steps leading down to it, and then there's an opening in the existing wall, which would be an opening of a garage door. To me, that logic says that the garage was internal.

MR. ALLMAND: Yes, sir.
COMMISSIONER KASPER: So if it was a garage, then it would have been a door in the plane of the home, and the cars would have been inboard to the home, and so not a -- an element mass in front of the front door.

MR. ALLMAND: Thank you, Commissioner Kasper, for that distinction. That is absolutely true. And so if we're going along the vein of the assumption that there was a garage there, what -- why we feel that putting an addition on the front would be historically accurate is -- for this individual house -- is that across the street there is a forward-facing garage that sticks forward of the plane of the house. That is across the street. That is within -- not within the period of significance, but ten years from the construction of this house-ish, I think. I can't -- you know, I'm not a hundred percent sure about that, but I think it was in the

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1950s. I think this one was from the 1940s.
So there's, you know, a precedence within the urban fabric of that. And so that, combined with kind of this idea of -- that it's an estate lot and we want to keep the garages from the back, that's why we feel that the correct solution is to allow us to put a forward-facing garage in the front.

COMMISSIONER LOPERA: Through the Chair, I agree with Commissioner Kasper on this one, that, you know, if that was a potential, that -- you know, being within the plane -- to basically reconstruct what was already there before, you know, if we strongly feel that that was a garage that was inside the front plane of the house, that that would be something more feasible rather than this, you know, basically full addition to the front of the house.

MR. ALLMAND: Thank you for saying that. And I understand what they're saying.

Have you taken into account, Commissioner Lopera, that this house -- on the Sanborn maps that I distributed, that the -- that this house is set back from the adjacent houses around it and that the garage would actually come --

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bring the facade forward to match the face of the existing historical structures, therefore, contributing to a more accurate, continuous, historical fabric of the neighborhood?

COMMISSIONER LOPERA: That is a good distinction; however, the difference between a garage being front-facing and extending past the house is very different from the -- you know, the houses next door that -- you know, that -- the difference being at the front of the garage now, as the -- as you've drawn it, yes, it will now technically match the front planes of the houses next to it. But the houses next to it, that's the front of the house. It's not an extension of the front of the house.

MR. ALLMAND: Well, it is the front of the house to the one to the right of it, but across the street, the "forwardmost-facing" element is a garage, and there is a protrusion out in front. So I'm saying, if you stand in front of the house and look across the street, there's a forward-facing garage that sticks forward, forward of the face -- the front-facing facade.

COMMISSIONER LOPERA: Thank you for that,
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but I think there's a difference between the houses next door and using your argument of trying to match the front planes of the front doors adjacent to the house compared to the houses across the street. Those are two different planes that we're looking at -actually, three different planes.

MR. ALLMAND: Guaranteed. And I think that the side-facing and -- and across the street in my mind are absolutely different, but significant just the same.

THE CHAIRMAN: All right, John. We'll call you back up.

MR. ALLMAND: Thank you so much.
THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.
Anybody else here to speak on this COA?
AUDIENCE MEMBERS: (No response.)
THE CHAIRMAN: I'm seeing nobody in our audience that is here. Anyone on Zoom here to speak on this COA?

MR. POPOLI: Through the Chair, you have Warren Jones from RAP.

THE CHAIRMAN: Warren.
MR. JONES: Thank you.
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RAP supports the staff recommendation to deny this application for the reasons listed on the staff report.

It, as you have pointed out, also appears on the survey that an existing drive along the side of the house leads to the rear property, and this would allow for a more traditional, detached accessory structure in the rear of the property.

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

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: (No response.)
MR. POPOLI: I have no other hands on Zoom.
THE CHAIRMAN: We'll go ahead and close the public hearing, and I'll entertain a motion.

COMMISSIONER LOPERA: Motion to deny COA-21-24995 per staff conditions.

COMMISSIONER BRAMWELL: Second.
THE CHAIRMAN: Any thoughts here?
COMMISSIONER LOPERA: I think we already
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said them all to John.
THE CHAIRMAN: I tend to agree.
COMMISSIONER BRAMWELL: And I -- I hadn't
really said anything, but I -- just to add on,
I concur with what all of the other commissioners have said so far.

And as far as the comparison to the house across the street, I mean, that only projects out, you know, a few feet from the front plane of the rest of the house.

And then from what I've noticed on all the other houses on the street that -- sure, there were front-facing garages, but, as has been noted, the house is the thing that's at the front and then the garage is always in the back. I don't really see any reason, given the layout here, to deviate from that.

THE CHAIRMAN: All right. I'm going to go ahead and call for a vote here.

Commissioner Lopera.
COMMISSIONER LOPERA: Aye.
THE CHAIRMAN: Maiju, did you have something to say?

COMMISSIONER STANSEL: No, I'm fine.
THE CHAIRMAN: Maiju, you were very soft
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for some reason.
COMMISSIONER STANSEL: There you go.
THE CHAIRMAN: Perfect. All right.
Commissioner Lopera.
COMMISSIONER LOPERA: Aye.
THE CHAIRMAN: Commissioner Kasper. COMMISSIONER KASPER: Aye.
THE CHAIRMAN: Commissioner Stansel. COMMISSIONER STANSEL: Aye.
THE CHAIRMAN: Commissioner Glober. COMMISSIONER GLOBER: Aye.
THE CHAIRMAN: Commissioner Bramwell. COMMISSIONER BRAMWELL: Aye.
THE CHAIRMAN: And that's an aye for me. With that, you have denied COA-21-24995. We're going to move along to new business.
Let me double-check here. Is there any public comment, by chance, from here or Zoom? AUDIENCE MEMBERS: (No response.) THE CHAIRMAN: We'll move along to new business.

MR. POPOLI: I'm sorry, through the Chair, we do have one raised hand.

THE CHAIRMAN: Great. Who do we have? MR. POPOLI: It's under --
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MR. SNYDER: Can you hear me?
THE CHAIRMAN: We can, Patrick.
MR. SNYDER: All right. Sorry about that.
I'm the homeowner of that one, so I just wanted
to -- I don't know if it's -- if it's normal or possible to ask questions, but -- and, you know, I'm not arguing with the denial there.

What I'm curious about is the prospect of, you know, basically restoring the existing room back to a garage and whether -- you know, assuming that's -- that can be proved it was a garage, I'm wondering whether that could be approved.

And then a follow-on question to that would be, you know, to my eye, that doesn't seem like it would be all that appealing visually. And I know that's not exactly what you're -- what you're charged with, you know, as the Commission, but I think, you know, that's probably the most acceptable alternative for us rather than adding something to the back. And I know, you know, you would rather have that for the historic district, but I think it would be more of an issue with our neighbors and with just the layout of our house
to put it in the back.
So I -- I'm curious, your thoughts on, you know, the acceptability of restoring that room back to a garage and whether that wouldn't be, you know, not that aesthetically appealing.

MS. WEST: Through the Chair, this is public comment, so it's not necessarily a time that the Commission engages. And it would not be appropriate on a pending or speculative matter to comment.

THE CHAIRMAN: Patrick, I'm sorry. I think we do need your name and address for the record, if you would.

MR. SNYDER: Oh, yeah. Patrick Snyder, 1928 Morningside Street.

THE CHAIRMAN: Patrick, would you spell
out your last name for me?
MR. SNYDER: S-n-y-d-e-r.
THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.
MR. POPOLI: Through the Chair --
THE CHAIRMAN: Patrick, I think if you meet with staff, that would be the best way to kind of answer some of those questions, then we -- and get back in front of us at some point. But that would be my course of action,

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if you will.
MR. SNYDER: Got it. Thanks.
THE CHAIRMAN: So we're going to move on to the local landmark. We have 323 West Bay Street.

MR. POPOLI: Through the Chair, just a moment.

All right. Through the Chair, this is landmark LM- -- 323 West Bay Street. Sorry, we're having technical difficulties.

LM-21-02 is a request for a landmark designation for 323 and 325 East Bay Street. In essence, what you have is a modest commercial building located in the downtown of Jacksonville. We do have an applicant here; they want to go into a little bit more depth. I'm just going to do a very brief overview.

In essence, it is a commercial structure that represents, like a lot of our downtown structures, the rebuilding after the Great Fire, which is a -- obviously, a significant point in the history of downtown Jacksonville. Because of the effects of the Great Fire, a lot of our early reconstruction, our masonry style structures like this one -- so we found generally it met Criteria A. And then also the

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structure was in very good shape and is basically keyed up for rehabilitation, and so we did find it met Criteria $F$ as well.

As you know, for landmark designations, if it is at the request of the owner, it only needs to meet two of the seven criteria, so this does. Because of that, we are -- I'm sorry, it meets three. I apologize. It does have a -- that's right. It meets Letter A, which is its impact on the historic and archaeological significance of the City. And then it has distinguished architectural styles. And then it is suitable for preservation.

I'll let the applicant go into a little bit more details on this, but meeting three criteria, we did recommend approval of this to move forward to City Council.

Happy to take some questions, and I apologize for the weirdness on the screen.

THE CHAIRMAN: Any questions for Christian?
COMMISSION MEMBERS: (No response.)
THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. We'll go ahead and open the public hearing.

The applicant can come on up.
(Audience member approaches the podium.)
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AUDIENCE MEMBER: Yes. My name is Autumn Martinage.

THE CHAIRMAN: State your name and address for me.

MS. MARTINAGE: Autumn Martinage, 2611 Wrightson Drive, Jacksonville, 32223.

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

MS. MARTINAGE: (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. MARTINAGE: I do.
THE REPORTER: Thank you.
MS. MARTINAGE: Good afternoon.
I can go into as little or as much detail as you would like. I know you guys have been here for a while. We were hoping that you guys will support the recommendation for landmark for this property.

It was constructed circa 1907 as a hardware store for a maritime industry related to the shipyards that was so important to Jacksonville at this time. And as you can see

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in the photos, it does retain the majority of its original fabric, with one small front alteration, the left storefront bay.

And I'm able to entertain any questions that you have.

THE CHAIRMAN: Any questions for the applicant?

COMMISSION MEMBERS: (No response.)
THE CHAIRMAN: We'll call you back up if
we need you.
MS. MARTINAGE: Thank you.
THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.
Is anybody else here to speak on this local landmark?

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: (No response.)
THE CHAIRMAN: Anything on Zoom?
MR. POPOLI: No hands raised on Zoom.
THE CHAIRMAN: We'll go ahead and close
the public comment.
I'll entertain a motion.
COMMISSIONER LOPERA: Motion to approve
local landmark, 323 West Bay Street.
COMMISSIONER KASPER: Second.
THE CHAIRMAN: All those in favor?
Commissioner Lopera.
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COMMISSIONER LOPERA: Aye.
THE CHAIRMAN: Commissioner Kasper. COMMISSIONER KASPER: Aye.
THE CHAIRMAN: Commissioner Stansel. COMMISSIONER STANSEL: Aye.
THE CHAIRMAN: Commissioner Glober. COMMISSIONER GLOBER: Aye.
THE CHAIRMAN: Commissioner Bramwell. COMMISSIONER BRAMWELL: Aye.
THE CHAIRMAN: Aye as well.
COMMISSIONER LOPERA: Actually, through the Chair, it's actually 323-325 East Bay Street. The agenda is incorrect.

THE CHAIRMAN: What now?
COMMISSIONER LOPERA: The agenda is incorrect. It's 323-325 East Bay Street.

MR. POPOLI: That is correct. The agenda is wrong.

THE CHAIRMAN: Oh, so this covers --
MR. POPOLI: Through the Chair, it covers two addresses. It's one building; it's just East Bay versus West.

THE CHAIRMAN: With that, 323 and 325 East Bay Street has been approved to move on to City Council.

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We're going to move on to local landmark, 325 East Duval Street.

MR. POPOLI: Through the Chair, so I think most of you were on the Commission -- at least some of you -- back in 2017 when this item was first discussed.

What you have before you is a request for landmark designation for 325 East Duval Street, but it's a portion of the building. I'll pull up a picture in just a moment. Back in 2017, the structure originally came before you as a request for demolition. During that time, it was -- discussion both with the Commission and the representative of the owner, and it was determined through that process that the two sort of primary elevations of the structure that are on a corner that face the street could be landmarked. The third was left out at the request of the owner.

Since that time, basically, redevelopment of the property never moved forward. The property has since changed hands. And during that time, the new owner is now interested in landmarking the third portion of the building, which I promise I have pictures of.

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So, in essence, the request here is to amend the original landmark designation to include this third portion.

So as you can see here, you have these two elevations which have a pitched roof (indicating). And then you have this third portion here which is mostly internal to the lot that has a flat roof, though it was built contemporaneous with the rest of the structure.

As I said, it is internal, so it is slightly less ornate and does have some differences, but there was nothing at the time that really distinguished this as not being significant from the structure -- from the rest of the structure. And in the general criteria in landmarking the original structure, we certainly feel that this also meets those original criteria in the original ordinance.

So we're basing our recommendation on the original designation and treating this as an amendment to now incorporate that third wing. Generally speaking, the building is in excellent shape. We found that it met, I want to say, four, possibly five criteria. It was four? Yeah.

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But, in essence, it's reflective of a period in time, an architectural style, and all the criteria that we addressed previously. But we're recommending approval of this amendment moving forward because we do feel that it is incorporated of the original building and meets the standards -- the criteria that were addressed in the original report.

So we're recommending approval, and I'm happy to take some questions, which I know there will be a few.

THE CHAIRMAN: Any questions for Christian? COMMISSION MEMBERS: (No response.)
THE CHAIRMAN: All right. I'll open the public hearing.

Is the applicant here?
(Audience member approaches the podium.)
THE CHAIRMAN: Come on up and state your name and address for me.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Good afternoon.
Ryan Hoover, 3030 Hartley Road, with
Vestcor.
I can answer any questions you might have.
THE CHAIRMAN: She's going to swear you in real quick.

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COMMISSIONER KASPER: Second.
THE CHAIRMAN: All those in favor?
Commissioner Lopera.
COMMISSIONER LOPERA: Aye.
THE CHAIRMAN: Commissioner Kasper. COMMISSIONER KASPER: Aye.
THE CHAIRMAN: Commissioner Stansel. COMMISSIONER STANSEL: Aye.
THE CHAIRMAN: Commissioner Glober. COMMISSIONER GLOBER: Aye.
THE CHAIRMAN: Commissioner Bramwell. COMMISSIONER BRAMWELL: Aye.
THE CHAIRMAN: That's aye for me as well.
With that, you have approved 325 East Duval Street to move on to City Council, unless anyone has anything else?

MR. POPOLI: Through the Chair, just a moment, I assume at this point most of you know, but I'm actually -- this is my last Commission meeting with guys. I'm going to be taking a job with the City of Jacksonville Beach. So actually, this is my last week with the City.

So we have Susan Kelly, who is also with
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