# RESOLUTION 2021-300

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE APPEAL OF A FINAL ORDER OF THE JACKSONVILLE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION APPROVING FOR CERTIFICATE APPLICATION OF APPROPRIATENESS COA-21-25095, REOUESTED BY STEVEN TYRREL, TO DEMOLISH A CONTRIBUTING STRUCTURE AT 348 11TH STREET EAST, IN THE SPRINGFIELD HISTORIC DISTRICT (R.E. NO. 055231-0000) IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 7, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 307 (HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND PROTECTION), PART 2 (APPELLATE PROCEDURE), ORDINANCE CODE; ADOPTING RECOMMENDED FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAND USE AND ZONING COMMITTEE; THE PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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Prepared by:
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WHEREAS, Steven Tyrrel, the owner of property at 348 11th Street East, in the Springfield Historic District, in Council District 7, submitted Application for Certificate of Appropriateness COA-21-25095, requesting to demolish a contributing structure; and

WHEREAS, by Final Order dated April 12, 2021, the Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission approved Application for Certificate COA-21-25095, requesting demolish Appropriateness to of contributing structure; and

WHEREAS, on May 3, 2021, pursuant to Section 307.201, Ordinance Code, the Springfield Preservation and Revitalization Council filed a Notice of Appeal, appealing the Final Order approving Application for Certificate of Appropriateness COA-21-25095; and

WHEREAS, the Notice of Appeal was timely filed and the appellant

has standing to appeal; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

Section 1. Adoption of recommended findings and conclusions. The Council has reviewed the record of proceedings for the Appeal of the Final Order approving Application for Certificate of Appropriateness COA-21-25095. The record of proceedings is On File in the City Council Legislative Services Division and the Planning and Development Department. After reviewing the record of proceedings, the recommended findings and conclusions of the Land Use and Zoning Committee are hereby adopted by the Council. This Resolution is the final action of the Council.

Section 2. Effective Date. The adoption of this Resolution shall be deemed to constitute a quasi-judicial action of the City Council and shall become effective upon the signature by the Council President and Council Secretary.

Form Approved:

# /s/ Shannon K. Eller

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# NOTICE OF APPEAL OF A JACKSONVILLE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMM (1971) 15 CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

### I. INSTRUCTIONS

As provided in §307.201, Ordinance Code, any person with standing may appeal a Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission final order on an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness to the City Council. An appeal must be filed within 21 calendar days of the effective date of the final order granting, granting with conditions, or denying a Certificate of Appropriateness. To appeal a Commission final order on an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness, complete and submit this form to the Legislative Services Division, Suite 430, City Hall-St. James, 117 W. Duval Street, Jacksonville, Florida 32202 with the supporting documents (see Section III) and appropriate fees (see Section IV). A copy of the final order and the list of persons who testified before or wrote to the Commission about the Certificate (see Sec. III(1) and (4)) may be obtained from the Historic Preservation Section of the Planning and Development Department, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Ed Ball Building, 214 North Hogan Street, Jacksonville, Florida 32202.

### II. NOTICE OF APPEAL

I, _		Kelly Rich (as a rep of SPAR Council), hereby file this Notice of Appeal fr	om the ti	nal or	der of
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(a)		The person who filed the application for the Certificate of Appropriateness;			•

- (b) A person who owns, lives, or operates a business on property within 350 feet of the property which has been granted or denied the Certificate of Appropriateness;
- (c) A person, other than a member of the City Council, who provided a written statement or who testified before the Historic Preservation Commission and who is suffering or will suffer an adverse effect to an interest protected or furthered by Chapter 307, Ordinance Code. The statement must have been in writing, expressing a position on the merits of the application, other than a petition, such as a letter, a memo or an e-mail, containing a reference to the specific application number and the name and mailing address of the person making the statement. The statement must have been specifically addressed to the Chief of the Comprehensive Planning Division or any member of the historic preservation staff or the Commission, with a copy to the Chief of the Comprehensive Planning Division, and which was delivered to and received by the Department by hand delivery, mail, facsimile or e-mail at least two working days prior to the public hearing at which the Commission took final action, or which is read into the record at the public hearing or distributed to the Commission at the hearing with a copy to the staff secretary.

## III. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

To complete your Notice of Appeal, you must submit the following documents with this form:

- (1) A copy of the Final Order on the Certificate of Appropriateness you are appealing.
- (2) You must provide a statement of your interest sufficient to show how you are or will be *adversely* affected by the Commission's decision. Please provide this statement in the space below.

If you need additional space, please attach a separate sheet.

(3) A description of the specific error(s) you believe the Commission committed. Please provide this description in the space below.				
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V.	Contact Information			
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		Jax, FL 322006		
	Daytime Phone Number:	904-353-7727		
	Evening Phone Number:			
	E-mail address:	kelly.rich@sparcouncil.org		
VI.	CERTIFICATION			
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	Signature	$\frac{5-3-202}{\text{Date}}$		

### 348 East 11th Street

1) We must provide a statement that shows how we will be adversely affected by the Commission's decision.

Springfield Preservation and Revitalization Council is a 501(c)(3) organization that advocates on behalf of its members and larger community. It is widely recognized that the limited collection of historic housing stock in the Springfield neighborhood was the impetus behind the creation of the Springfield Historic District, a roughly one square mile area comprised of mostly historic structures (residences and businesses). The formation of the Historic District has generated millions of dollars in reinvestment, boosted property values, and protected the limited historic housing stock. Properties within the boundary of the Historic District have outpaced properties just outside of the boundary in terms of interest, investment and values.

This property is listed as a contributing structure, meaning that it was specifically documented as one of the historic homes used to justify the creation the Historic District. Hundreds of historic structures have been lost to neglect, fire, and other paths to demolition. Thus, demolishing a contributing historic structure within the Historic District prior to exhausting all other remedies as required by Chapter 307 of the Jacksonville Ordinance Code permanently damages the integrity of the Historic District and eliminates limited historic housing stock utilized to create the Historic District.

2) Second, we must provide a description of the specific error we believe the Commission committed.

Several errors were made the Historic Preservation Commission's decision to approve the COA for demolition were made:

## The applicant had no standing to request a demolition.

The demolition COA was submitted by Mr. Warren Fryfield, who does not own the property. Although he stated in a letter he was acting as the owner's agent, he provided no such proof of this and therefore, the COA application should never have been heard.

## All alternatives to demolition were not explored before approval of demolition.

Per the Historic District Guidelines, demolition is only an option of last resort. On page 2 of the HPC staff's report, the instructions state in bold, "Demolition should be considered a last resort when addressing the future status of a historic structure. All alternatives should be explored, including the potential rehabilitation and reuse of the structure by either the current owner or prospective owners". Alternatives to demolition, such as mothballing or renovation by the current or prospective owners have not been adequately and accurately examined. In addition, during the HPC public meeting where this COA for demolition was discussed (March 2021), HPC staff stated on the record that they were "on the fence" as to whether to recommend approval. As demolition is a last resort and permanent, exploring all other alternatives to demolition, including "potential rehabilitation and reuse of the structure by either the current owner or prospective owners" should have taken precedence above all other discussion.

### The decision to approve the demolition was made without all relevant facts.

The majority of the discussion at the HPC meeting (March 2021) centered around the economic viability of renovating the property and receiving a return on investment (ROI). The Historic Preservation

Commission's determination that the renovation cost would not produce a ROI was made without visiting the property and seeing only a handful of photos. HPC staff visited the property without a general contractor or real estate expert that could properly evaluate and render an opinion on the economic viability of renovation and ROI and as a result, their findings on page 5 of the staff report were inconclusive as to whether or not an investment to renovate the property would have a ROI.

Real estate values in the Springfield Historic District are greater now than ever before. This is especially so with smaller residences, where the dollar per square foot is actually higher than larger residences. Comparable renovated properties have been sold for \$200+ per square foot. Based on estimated real estate values and the costs to renovate, along with other factors unique to the property (on a wide lot, proximity to popular businesses) a renovation by the current or prospective owner could receive ROI.

# Economic hardship was not proven.

The restoration estimates provided by the applicant (again someone with no standing) indicate a cost of \$58,240 to restore the property. Given current real estate values in Springfield, that cost in no way presents an economic hardship.

# Resident input was not shared with the Commission

While considering a COA for demolition, the proposed use of the property thereafter and its future impact on the community must be considered. The described proposed use is the storage of lite industrial equipment. The immediate neighbor, Ms. Smokes, has lived in her home next door for over 30 years and is against the demolition and proposed use, as it would negatively impact her quality of life presently and in the future. The HPC members were not aware of this during their discussion, and HPC staff did not include Ms. Smokes input in their report.

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**Notice of Certification** 

May 3, 2021

RE: Appeal of COA-21-25095

# Please find attached:

- \* Certified speaker / provider of written statement list
- \* Copy of Final Order

COA-21-25095 heard on March 24, 2021

If there are any further questions, please feel free to contact me at (904) 255-7888.

Candace R. Long

**Executive Assistant** 



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Notice of Certification

May 3, 2021

RE: Certified Speaker / Provider of Written Statement List

I hereby certify that attached are the complete names and mailing addresses of any and all persons who either provided a written statement to, or testified before, the Commission regarding Application:

COA-21-25095 heard on March 24, 2021

Executive Assistant

# COA-21-25095, 348 E. 11th Street

Kelly Rich, SPAR Council 311 East 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Jacksonville, FL 32206

Aaron Leedy 1318 Walnut Street Jacksonville, FL 32206

Todd Hollinghead 228 East 9<sup>th</sup> Street Jacksonville, FL 32206

John Shermetaro 238 West 11<sup>th</sup> Street Jacksonville, FL 32206

William Hoff 1402 North Laura Street Jacksonville, FL 32206

Tim Hope 1450 North Market Street Jacksonville, FL 32206

Warren Fryefield 1448 Ingleside Avenue Jacksonville, FL 32205

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**Notice of Certification** 

May 6, 2021

**RE: Certified Transcript of the Historic Preservation Commission Meeting** 

# Please find attached:

\* Certified Historic Preservation Commission Transcript on COA-21-25095

If there are any further questions, please feel free to contact me at (904) 255-7800

Public Hearing March 24, 2021

Candace R. Long

Executive Assistant

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION
COMMISSION

Proceedings held on Wednesday, March 24, 2021, commencing at 3:04 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:

ERIK C. KASPER, Acting Chairman. MAIJU STANSEL, Commission Member. TIMOTHY BRAMWELL, Commission Member. MAX GLOBER, Commission Member.

### ALSO PRESENT:

CHRISTIAN POPOLI, Planning and Development Dept. LISA SHEPPARD, Planning and Development Dept. DEVIN SCOTT, Planning and Development Dept. KEALEY WEST, Office of General Counsel. CANDACE LONG, Planning and Development Dept.

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Also, we'll be taking a ten-minute break every two hours.

For those that are joining us virtually on the Zoom call, if you would -- in order to raise your hand, you will select the "raise hand" item in the Zoom call. And then when it's your time to speak, we'll give you further instructions.

For those that are here in person, if you wish to speak, you need to fill out speaker's card. Place it in the basket in the back. And when it's your time to speak, you will have three minutes to speak.

All right. To get started, we'll go ahead and approve our meeting minutes from February 24th.

So do I have a motion to approve those minutes?

COMMISSIONER BRAMWELL: Motion to approve the minutes.

COMMISSIONER STANSEL: Second. THE CHAIRMAN: All those in favor? COMMISSION MEMBERS: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Therefore, the minutes from February 24, 2021, have been approved.

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3:04 p.m.

THE CHAIRMAN: All right. I hereby call this meeting of the Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission to order and welcome, everybody, for attending today. The time of starting the meeting is 3:04.

PROCEEDINGS

Just a reminder that this is a hybrid meeting of Zoom and in-person. So we'll start off with introductions. We'll start off with staff.

MR. POPOLI: Christian Popoli, Planning and Development.

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

COMMISSIONER GLOBER: Max Glober, commissioner.

COMMISSIONER BRAMWELL: Tim Bramwell, commissioner.

COMMISSIONER STANSEL: Maiju Stansel, commissioner.

THE CHAIRMAN: And Erik Kasper, commissioner.

So those in the audience today, as a courtesy, please silence your cell phone.

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All right. Our agenda is also in the back on the table. Our agenda items or agenda discussed today will be our deferred items, our consent agenda, previously deferred items, and our Certificates of Appropriateness, and our time for public comment.

I will go ahead and read the items that have been deferred. Item Number 1 is COA-20-24426, 1261 Dancy Street; Item 2, COA-21-24938, 324 6th Street West; COA-21-24995, 1928 Morningside Street; Deferred Item Number 4, COA-21-25101, 1854 Elizabeth Place.

MR. POPOLI: Through the Chair, we have a couple of requests for amendments to the agenda. The first would be under COAs, or Certificates of Appropriateness, Item Number 5, MMA-21-24910 at 1836 Edgewood. The applicant has requested to defer that application until April.

Additionally, we have two items under Certificates of Appropriateness where the applicants have agreed to staff conditions and requested to be moved to the consent agenda. Those are first two items, COA-21-24754, 1605

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So I'm just kind of -- I want to put out there that if they're going to come back with something, it might be nice to enhance what goes back there so it does match and complements the existing structure.

My other comments would be, I -- I'm looking at this as a building unto itself, not necessarily as it relates to the building in front of it because it's called a contributing structure. The -- it is evident that over the years it has had renovations to it and it's got mismatched roof forms. It's got mismatched roof materials. It's got aluminum siding. It's got termite damage. There are some other things that have been presented here that don't give me any reason to deny the application for demolition. I just wanted to put my two cents out there.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Commissioner Stansel.

Any further discussion from the Commission?

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

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industrial-style structure. 1

The property itself, once upon a time, looked like the picture featured here. It was a simple, gable-style front end with columns. The structure was originally purchased with the

intent of using it for a dog grooming facility 6 since it is in a zoning that would allow that. 7

The applicant -- previous owner had the intent of fixing the structure up, and she actually began renovations, acquired a few COAs for the front porch restoration and a reroof of the structure. Unfortunately, several years ago when her roofing contractor began work on the structure there was an accident where the roof shingles were piled on one location on the roof and it caused a collapse of the main roof of the building.

18 The structural damage was significant and 19 actually caused the walls to bow out and 20 collapse the chimney and did some other interior damage to walls in the rear of the structure. Here can you see the damage to the 22 23 chimney (indicating).

The structure -- the previous owner took 24 25 the contractor to court in an attempt to

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favor of the motion?

COMMISSION MEMBERS: Ave.

(Commissioner Bramwell abstains from voting.)

THE CHAIRMAN: Very well. The motion carries to approve demolition of COA-21-24834.

Moving on to our Certificates of

Appropriateness. Next item is COA-21-25095. 8

Staff, do I have a report? 9

MR. POPOLI: You do. Just a moment.

Through the Chair, this is COA-21-25095,

located at 348 East 11th Street. The request 12

is for the demolition of a contributing 13

structure. The structure is -- let me find a 14

map -- located on East 11th Street, between 15

Walnut Street and Liberty Street, on the south 16

side of 11th Street. This area is a bit of a 17

mix-match of styles and uses. 18

The property in question is a single-family, bungalow-style, one-story structure, immediately adjacent to the east of the second structure of a very similar design. Across 11th are two masonry, industrial-style structures, as well as immediately to the west of this structure is a masonry,

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resolve the issue and acquire the money to

repair the structure. That suit, 2

unfortunately, drug on for the better part of

two years. And during that time, half of the

structure was initially covered with tarps. As

you can see here, the wind, rain, sun took its

toll on the tarps as they slowly degraded. 7

Eventually, the house was open to the elements,

and over at least another year has been 9

progressively having rain infiltration and 10

other damage. 11

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. The property has since changed hands, and now the request is to finally demolish the structure because the repair costs and condition of the structure exceed what the applicant is willing to do.

Sorry. I don't know what happened to that picture, but ...

18 In essence, if this came to staff now 19 without knowing the history of the building, 20 having viewed the structure and walked in it,

21 limitedly in the (inaudible), we would probably 22

have just recommended approval. Knowing the 23

history, it makes it a little bit harder 24

because we know it was in good shape a few 25 Diane M. Tropia, Inc., Post Office Box 2375, Jacksonville, FL 32203

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years ago. But the damage and the long-term degradation at this point, we think that 2 demolition is a reasonable request on this 3

structure, so we're recommending approval.

Happy to take any questions.

6 THE CHAIRMAN: All right. Any questions 7 for staff?

COMMISSION MEMBERS: (No response.) 8 THE CHAIRMAN: We'll open the public 9 10 hearing.

Anyone here to comment on this COA? (Ms. Rich approaches the podium.) MS. RICH: Hey, guys.

Kelly Rich again, SPAR Council, executive director. 15

This is another one of those applications that is understandable from the property owner side, but we have to put in the extra efforts and time and conversation to see, actually, can these be saved.

We cannot continue to let demolition be a 22 normal, accepted protocol in Springfield. We are losing our historic housing stock on a regular basis due to instances like this. This is one of those -- I'll tell you, if you're not

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following the real estate market in 1

2 Springfield, you should. Bungalows are a hot

3 commodity and are doing really well. This is

also in an area that is zoned kind of weird, 4

But it's right next to the newly opened

District wine bar. All of the walkability in 6

the neighborhood has been growing. People are 7

8 clamoring to move here. And for us to lose

9 another historic building, that's -- you know,

is debatable. 10

> We know those people that will deign these properties unsaveable, and someone will come and prove them wrong. These are things that are always important to not only SPAR but the entire neighborhood.

So I just wanted to make sure that we 17 really make the effort to discuss all possibilities, and then, like I said, just to follow -- not approve any COAs for demolition without extensive exploration of renovation and preservation options. From the demolition -in Chapter 307: Demolitions should be

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23 considered a last resort. We don't want the

24 applications to move so quickly with

acceptance. We've got to protect our historic

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1 housing stock. That's what we have left.

So thank you.

3 THE CHAIRMAN: I see we may have someoper 4 online to comment.

MR. SCOTT: We'll take Aaron Leedy first, 5 and then Todd Hollinghead. 6

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Yes. Thank you for your 7 time. As a resident of Springfield who is

9 currently restoring one of these old houses, I understand --10

11 MR. POPOLI: Can I stop you for one 12 second? Can you give us your name and then spell your first and last name and your 13 14 address, please?

15 MR. LEEDY: I'm sorry. Aaron Leedy, A-a-r-o-n, L-e-e-d-y. And I live at 1318 16 Walnut Street, just a couple of blocks down 18 from one of the two buildings beings discussed.

19 MR. POPOLI: Thank you.

20 MR. LEEDY: What I was just going to say, as resident here and one who is restoring one 21 22 of these beautiful old homes, I understand why someone may want to go a different direction. 23

But at the same time, like what Kelly was 24

saying, what we have is what we have, and once 25

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they're gone, they're gone forever. 1

And as one who's seen in the last couple of years so many houses that were listed

condemned that now have residents in them and 4

5 are fixed, I just -- I really want to voice my

opposition to tearing down another one of these 6

7 beautiful homes that we have seen fixed again 8 and again.

9 And I appreciate your time in letting me 10 speak.

MR. SCOTT: And then we'll take Todd Hollinghead.

13 MR. HOLLINGHEAD: Todd Hollinghead, 14 T-o-d-d, H-o-l-l-i-n-g-h-e-a-d, 228 East 9th Street. 15

As Kelly and Aaron both said, this house is not in nearly as bad a shape as several in the neighborhood that have been saved in recent

vears. This is another instance of -- similar 19

20 to the building we just discussed in

Springfield -- where the owner purchased the 21

22 building with full knowledge of the current

condition when they purchased the building. 23

24 They knew the requirements of buying a building

in the historic district, and they knew what 25

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of the COAs.

was needed to be done to the building to make it habitable and yet they chose to go this 2 route.

Based on construction estimates that are included with the book, current home values in Springfield, like Kelly was saying, the -- it does not appear to be an economic encumbrance 7 for them to restore this building based on the location, based on everything going on with it. 9 10 So I don't -- I personally don't feel like 11 that's an adequate reason to demolish this building, so I would urge the HPC to deny this 12 motion for demolition. 13

Thank you.

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MR. SCOTT: Next is John Shermetaro.

Please spell your name and say your 16 address for the record, please.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: My name is John Shermetaro, J-o-h-n, S-h-e-r-m-e-t-a-r-o. My address is 238 West 11th Street, Jacksonville, Florida 32206.

I'm a resident of Springfield. I own some rental properties in the neighborhood of Springfield, and I just want to voice my opposition to you guys approving this

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And that zoning can be easily changed, as it

2 has been done before.

3 Even if the current zoning is desired, there is an obligation to protect the historic

structure on it. So if the current owner of

340 East 11th does not wish to renovate it and 6

SPAR Design Review Committee that looks at all

that have been successfully rehabbed. Caved-in

roofs, crumbling chimneys and leaning walls are

not extraordinary examples anymore, and not a

In the case of 348 East 11th, the City

haphazardly rezoned much of East 11th in the

mistakenly lumped in 348 and other historic

despite -- coincidence, several years ago, the

contributing structures into Light Industrial

1990s to encourage industrial investment. They

current SPAR president, Mr. Hope, renovated two

similarly damaged bungalows on the same street.

After the renovations, the property owners

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That's 101 and 111 East 11th, both also zoned

of East 11th were given the opportunity to

participate in a zoning change with the City.

Some responded; some did not. The current

zoning of this historic contributing structure

should have no bearing on its preservation.

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I just want to read a portion of a

statement that we made. There are now countless cases of homes labeled "unsavable"

hindrance to rehabbing a home.

Light Industrial at the time.

preserve it, they are welcome to sell the 7

8 property to someone who will.

So, you know, one year from now, we can 9 either have a renovated historic property 10

there, or if the applicant has their way, there 11

will be industrial equipment stored there. So 12

we would like the first option. 13

Thank you.

MR. SCOTT: We do have another comment on 15 the Zoom lobby from Mr. Hope. 16

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Hey, how's it going? 17

This is Tim Hope, T-i-m, H-o-p-e. I 18

19 reside at 1450 North Market Street.

I won't reiterate some of what my fellow 20 neighbors have said. I did want to point out a 21 very poignant example besides the two that I've

22 personally been involved with. 23 24 One that's currently in progress is a

property at 1535 Hubbard Street. It was built Diane M. Tropia, Inc., Post Office Box 2375, Jacksonville, FL 32203

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demolition. I think it's irresponsible the way

the City signs off on these demolitions without 2

doing a little bit more due diligence,

especially in the historic districts, to see if

these buildings can be saved. And I really

don't think that that's being done, so as a

7 resident of the neighborhood and somebody who

appreciates the historic fabric that this 8

9 neighborhood has, I urge this committee not to

approve this demolition. 10 11

Thank you.

12 MR. POPOLI: Through the Chair, I'd like to ask, is the applicant here today, either 13 14 online or in person?

AUDIENCE MEMBER: (Indicating.)

MR. POPOLI: If you want to come up, please, the applicant.

(Audience member approaches the podium.)

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Sorry. I put a speaker 19 20 card over there.

MR. POPOLI: That's fine. Make sure you 🗪 push the button.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Okay. Hello. My name is William Hoff, H-o-f-f. I live at 1402 North

Laura Street, and I'm currently serving on the

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12 years prior to this property that is in question on the COA for demolition. It's 2 3 actually an old church. It was moved to this

location from several blocks away. It needed a 4

5 complete new roof because it had caved in. The 6

property owner purchased it and is currently -all the walls are secured and the roof is now 7

on there and new. And now -- and soon will be

a continuing, contributing structure to the historic overlay.

I would echo the process that I went 12 through to rezone to Residential, which was really an oversight by the City. And if you look at the ordinance by which that was done in 2016, it explains that.

So just for those reasons, I'm just 17 speaking in opposition of the demolition of this historic contributing structure, regardless of the oversight of the City when, in the early '90s, to rezone Light Industrial.

And I thank you for your time and your efforts on the Commission.

Thank you.

(Audience member approaches the podium.) AUDIENCE MEMBER: My name is Warren

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was in when they originally started doing the

2 renovations before the roof caved in, we're looking at somewhere in -- \$70,000, plus the 3

purchase price. And that doesn't include any 4

5 additional work that would be required.

6 They could not look at the woodwork damage 7 under the roof because, frankly, no one wants 8 to go in this building. I personally have not 9 stepped foot in this building; it's just not 10 safe. Looked in through the windows, looked 11 around and done all that. But that's sort of 12 the back story. It's a shame, but I think

13 you're asking someone to invest an amount of 14 money in something that's not going to happen.

15 And that's unfortunate.

16 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you. Any other 17 public comment?

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: (No response.) THE CHAIRMAN: We'll close the public

19 20 comment and I'll need a motion.

21 COMMISSIONER BRAMWELL: Motion to approve 22 the demolition request for COA-21-25095,

23 348 East 11th Street.

24 COMMISSIONER STANSEL: Second.

25 THE CHAIRMAN: And discussion?

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Fryefield. Address, 1448 Ingleside Avenue, Jacksonville, Florida 32205.

We actually own the warehouse directly next door to this property. We're acting as agents for the owner, and there is a little bit of back story to that. He approached us after purchasing it at the end of last year and said about a month ago, Hey, I think you guys are probably the one people [sic] who can use this property, so if you would like to pursue this, let me know. And we decided to do it.

We have been next to it since 2010, so 13 we've kind of seen this entire story unfold. I completely understand that -- the purpose of trying to preserve these historic buildings. I 16 live in Riverside. We have a building and 17 business in Springfield. In this instance, we have kind of done due diligence, and it's not economically feasible. And I know people brought that up.

On the numbers that we have that are kind 22 of in there -- we did some legwork on this just to sort of make sure, but we're looking at the property that was purchased for \$50,000 in 2020. And just to get it back to the shape it

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Maybe I'll start with some questions to staff and just to maybe summarize the guidelines that are in the book or the report and then your findings on the major guidelines.

I think where we're at is the major guideline of being restorable or the ability to restore.

MR. POPOLI: As one of the justifications of -- yeah, I mean, the applicant has presented a fair amount of evidence to -- there is a possibility of restoration. For them, it comes down to cost. For us, I think one of our concerns is both with the building requirements for code compliance based on the cost of renovation, along with the amount of damage that's been done; how much of the historic character is going to be left when they're done.

I think the porch is in relatively good shape. I think some of the exterior walls probably could be salvaged in part. I think the entire roof structure is gone. The interior portions, which typically we don't regulate, but having been in the building before and after, had a lot of original

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finishes that have now been lost. The floors 2 are gone.

Yeah, I mean, it's possible. It's just -and we were on the fence about this when we drafted the report. And, like I said, not knowing the history would make it a little bit easier, I think, for us, but knowing the history made it definitely a challenge to come to this conclusion. But when all is said and done. I'm not sure how much of the actual history is going to be saved.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Christian.

I think our task as the Commission is to evaluate the building today in its current condition with a collapsed roof, with flooring damage, wall damage, and then some time period of weather damage and having no roof. And then also to take what the applicant is telling us of the cost to restore and the feasibility.

But still back to the core point of the amount of damage that has occurred right now, today, based on not having a roof and the roof collapsing, which would make the repair a hardship. And definitely a historic roof would no longer be there, but the other items are

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out through the court system. The house never

2 changed hands in that period. And the owner,

like I said, had all intentions of restoring

4 the house. But then when she did not get the settlement she wanted, sold the property.

And I think Kealey can tell you, Code 6 7 Enforcement goes with the property, not the person. So the new owner would take on that 8 9 responsibility at this point.

It is problematic in this case. If this has been a slow degradation, it is something we could have pursued potentially, but given the immediate nature of the damage and then the opportunity to repair -- much like the one on Walnut Street, there was an intent, but it never came to fruition. I don't know that we would have a case for that in this case.

THE CHAIRMAN: Because the neglect was by the prior owner who has since sold. Current owner was not responsible for the previous neglect?

MR. POPOLI: And Kealey can correct me, 22 23 but I believe that's correct.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you. 24

COMMISSIONER BRAMWELL: I think I'm mainly 25 Diane M. Tropia, Inc., Post Office Box 2375, Jacksonville, FL 32203 (904) 821-0300

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missina.

And maybe to staff, probably an unfair question, but maybe it's worth for the Commission's knowledge: A building -- a property owner doesn't have an obligation to maintain a structure, so they could, if they choose, allow damage to go (inaudible) year after year after year until it becomes publicly unsafe and the City steps in?

MR. POPOLI: Through the Chair, I would say no. And there's kind of two sides to that coin. The first is Municipal Code Compliance, which is not our purview, but they do have safety, boarding, and weatherization requirements.

And then, in our code -- we don't have a maintenance requirement under our code, but we do have a portion that's referred to as "Demolition by Neglect," which, in essence, would allow a property to fall apart to the point that it would qualify for demolition.

And I do see your point in this case. The complication was that -- and I didn't include all the emails; I included a few, but there was a two-year process to save this house that drug Diane M. Tropia, Inc., Post Office Box 2375, Jacksonville, FL 32203

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focused on the -- I think it's Item 8 in the

staff report, whether there are other feasible 2

alternatives to demolition and how it states 3

that staff is of the opinion that any

restoration would result in the loss and 5

6 replication of historic elements that would

result in mostly a new home and not the 7

8 restoration of a historic resource.

I think -- as Christian has listed all of 9 the items that are going to be lost, I think 10 that's what is most relevant to me, that 11 12 we're -- even if we, you know, force this homeowner to pursue this, what are we going to 13 14 end up with?

COMMISSIONER STANSEL: Through the Chair, I tend to agree with you on those -- on that point. In looking at pictures of the original, pre-accident, pre-other-owner, there's even some character differences between it and what it is now. There are shingles where there was 21 siding. And there's some differences even in

22 it as a structure. So it doesn't even have all

of the original historic character. Uniquely 23

enough, I think the windows look fabulous, and 24

that's usually what we're fighting about. Diane M. Tropia, Inc., Post Office Box 2375, Jacksonville, FL 32203

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But it kind of saddens me that the person who purchased this, did purchase it knowing 2 full well there was a hole in the roof and 3 didn't do anything other than maybe extend another tarp over it, to then decide he 5 6 couldn't take it on as a project. That, to me, 7 is just poor management of your time and funds

and all of our time. So yeah, that's where I 9 stand. 10 THE CHAIRMAN: All right. Any more

discussion? COMMISSION MEMBERS: (No response.) THE CHAIRMAN: All right. We'll take a vote on the motion.

All those in favor? 15

16 COMMISSION MEMBERS: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: COA-21-25095, that has been approved.

Moving on to COA-21-25100, 150 Phelps Street.

Do we have a staff report?

MS. SHEPPARD: Yes, you do. 21

This application is for the application of vinyl siding over the existing woodwork of the house. That includes eaves, trim work, and the siding itself. We are recommending denial with

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of it as a material, but it's such an important 2 characteristic of some of those buildings, it's 3 called out as a feature.

The design regulations also state that probably the greatest threat to wood siding is the application of nonhistoric surface coverings, such as vinyl siding. It finds that this material would violate Standards 2 and 3.

and I'll kind of cover on those.

9 10 One of the things that usually happens 11 when you're applying something on top of a 12 material is that you're having to kind of cut 13 edges and stuff to apply it. And so there is a 14 damage that's -- that occurs to the historic 15 materials. In this particular case, the 16 product -- there's been a lot of improvements 17 to vinyl siding over the years. This product 18 does have -- it's not a -- it's got a backing 19 to it. I think it's -- before it was just kind

20 of a hollow application. This actually has an 21 insulation factor behind it. It's -- even the

22 literature actually references it being an

23 "insulating product," not so much vinyl siding,

24 but insulation.

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That might be an approval to the shape of Diane M. Tropia, Inc., Post Office Box 2375, Jacksonville, FL 32203 (904) 821-0300

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the further suggestion of siding repairs using

2 traditional wood clapboard siding to match the

existing, which has been discussed with the 3 4 owner, who is not our applicant in this case.

5 That's the contractor that is our main

6 applicant and here today.

We're recommending denial of this application for a number of reasons. Just to touch on a couple of details, the contractor has stated that they build the product as an exact match as far as design, the six-inch exposure of the siding, and it would be -- they 12 did confirm that it was would be installed over 13 14 the existing materials and sealed with adhesive, silicone caulk. The structure is located on a corner lot. It's highly visible.

The design regulations do address the 18 application of alternate materials over wood siding. First and foremost, the design regulations explain that wood siding is a character-defining feature in the district for 22 vernacular buildings as well as some of the later 19th century/early 20th century styles that are found there. It's referred to as a "character-defining feature." We usually think

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it or the ability to hold its shape, but that's 2 a lot of extra material that's going on top of 3 the existing siding that would obviously have 4 an impact on the profiles, exposure, setback of 5 windows, that type of thing.

6 While the siding may -- and I didn't 7 double-check as far as the measurement, but if 8 it meets the -- or replicates the 6-inch kind 9 of exposure of the existing siding, it would 10 not replicate the beadboard work that's found 11 in the soffit area, which is run in a different 12 direction. You can see on the picture here on 13 the screen, it's run long-ways. And I believe 14 the product information is in your -- all that 15 information -- that product is run at a 16 short -- opposite of what you're seeing on the 17 screen.

When it comes to vinyl siding, the design regulations actually explain that while removal is not required where it exists -- you know, if there's something out there that was in place prior to the district going into place, they don't have to remove it. But if it has to be removed, that any replacement product has to be historically appropriate. In other words, if

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# **Application For Certificate Of Appropriateness**

Application Info-

Tracking # 25095 Application Status FOUND SUFFICIENT

Date Started 02/24/2021 Date Submitted N/A

Planning and Development Department Info

COA # COA-21-25095

**Admin Review** 

Admin RecommendationFORWARDAdmin Date Of Action3/1/2021

Forwarded to JHPC

JHPC Meeting Date 3/24/2021
Staff Recommendation N/A
JHPC Recommendation N/A
JHPC Date Of Action N/A

**Admin Details** 

N/A

**JHPC Details** 

N/A

General Information On Applicant

Last Name First Name Middle Name

FRYEFIELD WARREN

**Company Name** 

**DUVAL MULTI RESIDENTIAL SERVICES INC** 

Mailing Address 346 E 11TH ST

City State
JACKSONVILLE FL Zip Code 32206

Phone Fax Email

904 894 9050 904 WFRYEFIELD@DMRSJAX.COM

General Information On Agent(s)-

Agent represents Owner Contractor Architect Consultant Other

Last Name First Name Middle Name

FRYEFIELD WARREN

**Company/Trust Name** 

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Description Of Property -

**Property Designation** Springfield Historic District

**Property Appraiser's RE #(s)** (10 digit number with a space #########)

Description
TBD

-Application Certification -

For applications that can be approved administratively, there is no application fee.

For all applications that must go before the Historic Preservation Commission, a fee will be applied based on the type of work performed.

Application completeness review: All applications for Certificate of Appropriateness ("Application") will be reviewed for completeness by Planning and Development Department Staff. Any Application determined to be incomplete, will be returned to the applicant with comments detailing the deficiencies. No further action on the Application will take place until the application deficiencies are addressed. Once the Application is determined to be complete, Planning and Development Department Staff will prepare an invoice for the cost of the Application.

Payment deadline: The Invoice must be paid by the payment deadline in order to have the Application heard on the next scheduled Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission (JHPC) regular meeting. The payment deadline is outlined on the City of Jacksonville's Planning and Development Department Website. Only Complete Applications will be invoiced. It is for the benefit of the applicant to supply staff with a complete Application in advance of the payment deadline. Due to the complexity and volume of Applications received by the Planning and Development Department, there is no guarantee that COA Applications submitted on the day of the payment deadline will be heard at the next regular meeting of the JHPC.

I, hereby, certify that I am the owner or the authorized agent of the owner(s) of the property described herein, that all answers to the questions in this application and all information contained in the material attached to and made a part of this application, are accurate and true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I also attest by my signature that all required information for this application is completed and duly attached in the prescribed order. Furthermore, if the package is found to be lacking the above requirements, I understand that the application will be returned for correct information.

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# Notice of Certification

May 3, 2021

**RE: Certified Copy of Final Order** 

COA-21-25095 heard on March 24, 2021

I hereby certify that the attached is a true and accurate copy of the Final Order of COA-21-25095:

**Executive Assistant** 

# BEFORE THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE

CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS APPLICATION NO.: COA-21-25095

IN RE: The Certificate of Appropriateness Application of

Steven Tyrrel 348 11<sup>th</sup> Street East Jacksonville, Florida 32206

# ORDER ON COA-21-25095: APPROVED

This matter came to be heard upon the Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) Application filed by Warren Fryfield (Agent), on behalf of Steven Tyrrel, the owner of certain real property located at 348 11<sup>th</sup> Street East, R.E. No. 055231-0000, seeking approval to demolish a contributing structure.

Having duly considered the evidence presented at the public hearing and meeting on March 24, 2021, including the Report of the Planning and Development Department and all attachments thereto (Staff Report), a portion of which is attached hereto as **EXHIBIT A**, and on file in its entirety in the Planning and Development Department, the Historic Preservation Commission hereby

### **FINDS AND DETERMINES:**

- 1. That the applicant did comply with the procedural and application requirements set forth in Section 307.106 of the Jacksonville Ordinance Code; and
- 2. That as stated in the record, substantial competent evidence demonstrates that application COA-21-25095 does meet the standards and criteria set forth in Section 307.106 of the Jacksonville Ordinance Code; and
- 3. The Commission hereby adopts the findings in the Staff Report for application COA-21-25095, to the extent consistent with this Order, and the excerpt of the transcript in **EXHIBIT B** as further support for this Order; and
- 4. That the land which is the subject of application COA-21-25095 is owned by Steven Tyrrel.

NOW THEREFORE, it is ORDERED by the Historic Preservation

Commission: 1. Application COA-21-25095 is hereby APPROVED.

Executed this 12 day of April , 2021.

**FORM APPROVED:** 

Kealey A. West

Office of General Counsel

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Chairman

Historic Preservation Commission

Copies to:

Owner: Steven Tyrrel

2055 Liberty Street Jacksonville, FL 32206

Applicant: Duval Multi Residential Services, Inc.

c/o Warren Fryfield 346 11<sup>th</sup> Street East Jacksonville, FL 32206

DISCLAIMER. The certificate of appropriateness, if granted herein, shall not be construed as an exemption from any other applicable local, state, or federal laws, regulations, requirements, permits or approvals. All other applicable local, state or federal permits or approvals shall be obtained before commencement of the development or use and issuance of this certificate of appropriateness is based upon acknowledgement, representation and confirmation made by the applicant(s), owner(s), developer(s) and/or any authorized agent(s) or designee(s) that the subject business, development and/or use will be operated in strict compliance with all laws. Issuance of this certificate of appropriateness does not approve, promote or condone any practice or act that is prohibited or restricted by any federal, state or local laws.

TIMEFRAMES AND NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL. Persons listed in Section 307.202, Ord. Code, may appeal this decision to the City Council within twenty-one (21) days of the date of this Order by filing a Notice of Appeal with the Legislative Services Division of the Council as required by section 307.203, Ord. Code. Failure to file a Notice with the Legislative Services Division within the time prescribed waives the right to appeal this Order. Therefore, this Order does not become final until the expiration of the twenty-one (21) day appeal period provided in Chapter 307, Jacksonville Ordinance Code. Any work commenced during this appeal period is done at the risk of the applicant.

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# March 24, 2021

# THE REPORT OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS APPLICATION COA-21-25095

Address: RE#: 348 11th Street East

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Year Built:

c1919

Location:

South side of 11th Street East,

between Walnut Street &

**Liberty Street** 

Status:

Contributing

Designation: Springfield Historic District

Owner:

Steven Tyrrel 2055 Liberty Street

Jacksonville, FL 32206

Applicant:

Warren Fryfield

**Duval Multi Residential** 

Services Inc

346 11th Street East

# **REQUEST / RECOMMENDATION**

Request:

Demolition of a contributing structure

Recommendation:

Approve

Condition:

None

In reviewing the Historic Preservation Guidelines for the Springfield Historic District (district regulations) and the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation, it is the opinion of the Planning and Development Department that the proposed demolition is consistent with all or in part with:

- 1. The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation: Numbers Two & Four.
- 2. The Historic Preservation guidelines for the Springfield Historic District (district regulations) section for demolition.
- 3. Chapter 307.106(l) General Standards: 1, 2, 3 & 4. Chapter 307.107(n) Guidelines on Demolition: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

The City of Jacksonville Ordinance Code allows for routine repairs and maintenance, alterations, and new construction not seen from the public right-of-way and other projects consistent with the Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation to be pre-approved by the Jacksonville Planning and Development Department. However, the demolition of a contributing structure in the Springfield Historic District must be approved by the Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission.

# STANDARDS, CRITERIA AND FINDINGS

Chapter 307.106(l), City of Jacksonville Ordinance Code states that in considering an application for a certificate of appropriateness for alterations, new construction, demolition, or relocation, the Commission shall be guided by the following general standards:

- 1. The effect of the proposed work on the landmark, landmark site, or property within an historic district upon which such work is to be done;
- Demolition by nature is the ultimate removal of historic fabric. The proposed work is for the demolition of a contributing structure within the Springfield Historic District. Demolition should be considered a last resort when addressing the future status of a historic structure. All alternatives should be explored, including the potential rehabilitation and reuse of a structure by either the current owner or prospective owners.
  - The proposed work is for the demolition of a contributing residential home in the Springfield Historic District.
  - Though typically restoration is the preferred option, and in the case of this house, was underway until early 2019, the current state of the structure has made restoration a complicated and difficult path. In late 2018, the structure was under active renovation for conversion into a pet grooming facility. The structure is within the Industrial Light zoning category, allowing for some commercial and industrial uses. Durring rennovations, a new roof was to be installed by a professional roofing company. During the reroofing process, a large quantity of shingles were placed on the center of the main roof, resuting in a collapse of the main roof, and extensive damage to the walls and chiminey.
  - Because of the nature of the accident, the owner at the time spent over a year
    in legal action attempting to seek money for the repair. During that time
    attemps were made to keep the house covered with tarps to weatherproof the
    damaged strutcure. After the suit reached a settlement that was less than the
    needed amount for repairs, the property was sold to the current owner. In that
    time, the tarps have failed to weatherize the strutcure, and further deterioration
    has occurred.
  - 2. The relationship between such work and other structures on the landmark site or other property in the historic district;
  - The Historic Preservation Design Guidelines for the Springfield Historic District (district regulations) emphasize the negative impact demolition can have on a historic district, which can result in producing a void in the street or

creating a false sense of history by replacing the historic structure with a new home.

- The home is a small bungalow style home, one of two on the block. The block is a unique situation where the two homes are surrounded by industrial properties that are both in and out of the district. The adjacent home to the east is very similar in design, and was likely built at the same time, and possibly by the same builder.
- Demolition of the subject property will leave a vacant lot between the last remaining home on this block, and the adjacent industrial property to the west of the subject lot. The area is primarily industrial in nature, though the adjacent remaining home is currently occupied for residential uses.
- Demolition of the subject property will irreversibly diminish the character of home site, though the structure in its current state is a blighting influence on the area.
- 3. The extent to which the historic, architectural, or archaeological significance, architectural style, design, arrangement, texture and materials of the landmark or the property will be affected;
- Demolition would result in the complete loss of all architectural and historical significance of the home, as well as its contribution to the historic integrity of this part of the Springfield Historic District. Though the structure is a common type of style in the district, it's location on 11th Street East and Walnut Street is unique given the mainly industrial nature of the area.
- 4. Whether the plans may be carried out by the applicant within a reasonable period of time;
- Chapter 307.106 (S) of the Jacksonville Ordinance Code states, "Any certificate of appropriateness which has been approved pursuant to the provisions of this Section shall expire 12 months from the date of issuance if the work authorized is not commenced within this period. Further, such certificate shall expire if the work authorized is not completed within five years of the date of issuance, unless otherwise extended by the Commission." It is the opinion of the Planning and Development Department that the proposed demolition can be completed within the aforementioned time frame. It is the desire of the applicant to construct a new garage on the property if the historic one car garage is demolished. Any new construction would be reviewed under a new COA. It is worth noting the applicant has stated they plan to use the area for the storage of industrial equipemet in an outside lot. This is an allowable use in the Industrial Light zoning category. Staff would

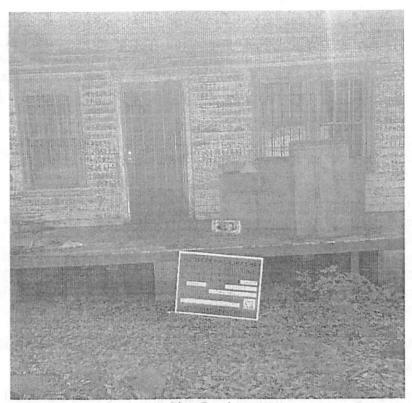
discourage this type of infill use, as it will erase the history of the bundgalow. An infill new construction, even one for industrial purposes, could be built and styled to blend with the remaining residential strutcure.

Chapter 307.106(o), City of Jacksonville Ordinance Code states that in considering applications for a Certificate of Appropriateness for demolition, the Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission shall consider the following standards:

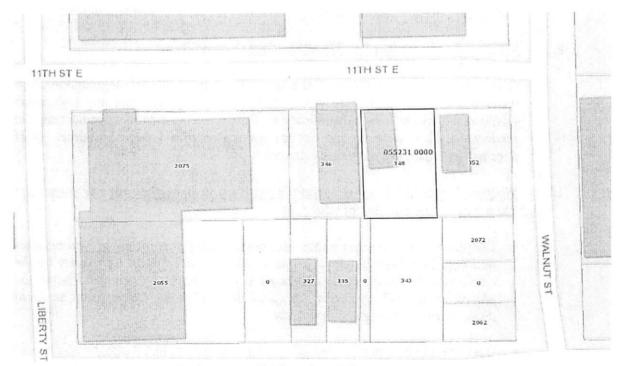
- 1. The historic or architectural significance of the building or structure:
  - The strutcure is an early bungalow style wood frame vanacurlar strutcure. This style is common in the district, and is often the inspiration for smaller infill new construction. the strutcure, located on 11<sup>th</sup> Street East, in amongst industrially designed strutcres is a unique situation, with it's sister home adjacent to the east. There is no known specific historical signifigance on its' own, and architecturally it is not exceptional. Additionally, full restoration would likely result in loss of signifiagt historic fabic, that would need to be replicated.
- 2. The importance of the building or structure to the ambiance of the historic district;
  - As noted above, the strutcure is in a unique position within the district, as one
    of two residential strutcures on the block, in amongst industrially styled and
    occupied strutcures. Overall, its is one of two remaining hiostoric residential
    strutcures on the northeast edge of the district.
- 3. The difficulty or the impossibility of reproducing such a building or structure because of its design, texture, material, detail or unique location.
  - It is the opinion of the Planning and Development Department that the subject property does not have design elements, i.e. building height or massing which would make reproduction difficult or impossible. The building materials are common, and can be reproduced in modern materials.
- 4. Whether the building or structure is one of the last remaining examples of its kind in the neighborhood, the county or region.
  - It is the opinion of staff that the strutcue is a common arhoiectural type in the district, and not one of the last examples left.
- 5. Whether there are definite plans for reuse of the property if the proposed demolition is carried out, and what effect of those plans on the character of the surrounding area would be;
  - It is the plan of the applicant to use the area for outside storage of indurtial

equipment. Although there is many surrounding uses that are industrial in nature an design, outside storage of equipment is not typical for the historic district and should be strongly discouraged. The infill construction of a new building would be a more appropriate use of the proepery, preventing a void in the rythen of the block, and is not a supported use of the property in the guidelines.

- 6. The difficulty or the impossibility of saving the building or structure from collapse;
  - The current condition of the strutcure, were it not the result of the accident, would qualify the strutcure for support for demolition. the roof is caved in, the walls are bowed out, the chimney has partially collapsed, and the windows are lost, broken or missing. The siding is also missing or broken along many of the walls, and there is foundation damage. The porch and portions of the extreme front and rear of the strutcre are the only areas not affected by the collapse. Given the years of water infulatration, it is likely the strutcure is not in sound condition.
- 7. Whether the building or structure is capable of earning economic return on its value;
  - The structure, as a single family home, in livable condition could return income. Given its location in a mostly industrial area, and the proposed restoration costs, staff is sure of the economical returns on rental property or residential sales.
- 8. Whether there are other feasible alternatives to demolition:
  - Given the current condition of the property, and additional degradation from water infulatration over three years, staff is of the opinion that any restoration would result in the loss and replication of historic elements that would result in predomonally a new home and not the restoration of a historic resource. Staff does not feel there is a reasonale altertive.
- 10. Whether it would be undue economic hardship to deny the property owner the right to demolish the building or structure;
  - Chapter 307.102 defines undue economic hardship as meaning, "an onerous and excessive financial burden that would be placed upon a property by the denial of a certificate of appropriateness or a similar burden which would be placed on a property owner by conditions which the Commission seeks to place on the granting of a certificate".
  - Based on the information provided, it appears the applicant may be able to make a case for the cost of restoration exceeding any return on the investment, but that is ultimately up to the Commission.



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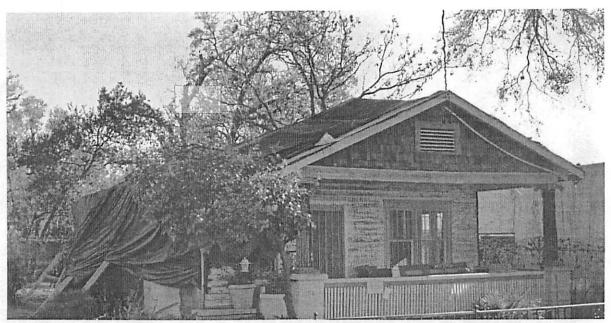
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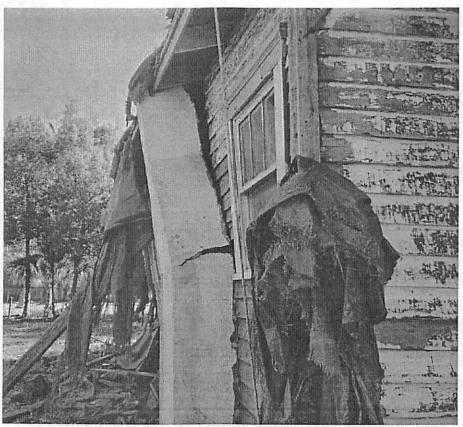
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Subject House (pre-accident)



Subjet house immeditaly after accident



Subject house currently

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Wednesday, April 21, 2021 10:57 AM

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Subject:

**RE:** appeal process

**Attachments:** 

COA-20-24689 Signed Final Order.pdf; COA-21-25095 Signed Final Order.pdf

We're aware of the appeals, they are for two demolitions approved last month. Legislative Services handles the appeals, and they would need to file them through that office. I've attached the two final orders, which I think they will need for reference.

We can discuss the applications and staff's position and the Commission's ruling.

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Subject: appeal process

Jennifer Chapman just contacted me to find out what the process is to appeal HPC's decision to LUZ. Do we have something that outlines the process? This is regarding demolition approvals for 348 East 11<sup>th</sup> and 1043 Walnut. Should I loop Kealey in on this as well?

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