



City of Savannah Zoning Board of Appeals

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Title

201 West Jones Street | Appeal of an HDBR Decision | 24-005030-ZBA

Description

The Petitioner, Andrew Jones, agent for Anna Habersham Wright, is appealing an August 14, 2024, determination by the Historic District Board of Review (HDBR) related to a Certificate of Appropriateness (24-003810-COA) for a proposed rear addition to the historic residence and contributing structure at 201 West Jones Street. The modifications would extend the second and third floors of the residence, encapsulating the rear of the structure, and effectuating the conversion of one third floor window to a door. The Petitioner proposes to remove the brick and sill under the window, retaining the deconstructed historic materials on site in the event the modifications are to be reversed.

The HDBR, in a split 4-3 vote, approved the request for construction of a rear addition in accordance with 'Scheme A' as recommended by MPC Staff. The approval was contingent upon one condition related to the specifications of rear deck handrails to be installed.

The Appellant requests the decision be reversed, asserting that the HDBR's determination was "capricious, arbitrary, and erroneous."

Recommendation

Upon review of the materials submitted and approved in association with Petition number 24-005030-COA, Staff finds that the initial evaluation was properly conducted in light of the criteria established by the Ordinance for grant of a COA, including the *Secretary of Interior Standards*, *Visual Compatibility*, and relevant *Local District Standards*. Each criterion was discussed by Staff in its report, and the specific scenario identified as most visually compatible was proffered as a recommendation to the Board. The HDBR, in a split vote, agreed with the Staff recommendation.

Accordingly, Staff recommends the decision of the Historic District Board of Review be **affirmed**, as both Staff's assessment and the Board's determination were based on a competent and reasonable evaluation of the proposal against the established criteria. Additionally, the Board shall issue a statement of the specific reasons, including findings of fact, to support its decision.

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Financial Impact

Review Comments

Attachments

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