



## **HISTORICAL PRESERVATION BOARD MINUTES – MAY 2, 2014**

**Commission Member Jacobs asked the primary reason for the 3' picket fence; "was it aesthetics or to keep people out."**

**Mr. and Mrs. Chismon responded "it is both; we thought it would look nice. The fence along the side is for privacy because we were going to put some decking over an existing patio." Mrs. Chismon explained they have steps that are two feet (2') up to the door, "we would like to level that off; it is difficult to bring groceries into the house. The wooden deck will be the same footprint as the existing concrete patio. It is also for security, I have little nieces and nephews that come over once a month, they usually stay with us, between that and our dogs we would like to enclose the whole area." Mr. Chismon explained they have no privacy on the Moravec Lane side; they would like to place the side yard fence on the property line.**

**Scott Shadden, Director of Developmental Services explained if they wanted to put an eight foot fence in the side yard, it would require approval from the Planning and Zoning Board; they could go six foot automatic, but not eight; if the Planning and Zoning Board grants it at eight foot and the board here recommends it. "The deck is considered to be like flat work, so it could go closer to the property line."**

**Mrs. Chismon explained "Moravec Lane is the main route to Washington Elementary School; so traffic is always coming through there, also the parking lot to the church is right across the street; so there is no privacy and people are always cutting through our yard."**

**Commission Member Mayhugh asked if they planned to plant shrubs along the fence, inside or out.**

**Mrs. Chismon explained "we plan on planting flowers in the front along the fence and shrubs along the side for wind block."**

**Commission Member Jacobs was concerned with the impact of a 6' or 8' fence staring everybody in the face right there along Moravec Lane.**

**Mrs. Chismon explained "it is a pretty fence; it is stained with a top cap on it."**

**Commission Member Jacobs was wondering if a hedge would work on the side.**

**Mrs. Chismon explained "it would until it loses its leaves. We would like to close off the driveway also."**

**Commission Member Jacobs asked the age of the house.**

**Mr. Chismon thought it was built in 1890.**

**Commission Member Jacobs explained "they didn't build 6'**

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cedar fences in 1890. I understand your need for security and privacy, but our job is historical preservation and it is really out of character, the 3' makes sense to me, the 6' where it is already there, that sin has been committed, I have no problem with that; how can we give you what you need and mitigate what I think would be a fairly negative impact on the historical characteristic of this, because it really is very much out of character for one hundred year old homes.”

Mr. Chismon asked “is 8' was too high.”

Commission Member Jacobs thought an 8' fence like that is too high; “it's not too high, it's out of character, they didn't build 6 or 8 foot cedar plank fences in 1890.”

Commission Member Mayhugh asked if they could break the plain wall with shrubs, trees or something.

Commission Member Jacobs asked “is there a way to give you your fence but break the impact by moving the fence back a little bit and putting shrubs in front of the fence.”

Mr. and Mrs. Chismon agreed. Mrs. Chismon wanted to narrow the existing shrubs to about two feet and put the fence behind that all the way down and then plant fresh shrubs.

Commission Member Mayhugh explained “driving by there so often every day; I'm aware of your challenge, you are so exposed to that parking lot and the neighborhood and I can see where you want to have a little bit of privacy, the wood fence in the back alley is not an issue, I'm actually a little more concerned with the white pickets in front, but I say that because there isn't another fence in the front yard other than 1019 S. Crockett Street that has a fence coming out to the front but nothing across the front; the rest of the way down Crockett Street there isn't one fence coming out to Crockett Street; there are a lot of shrubs and hedges.”

Commission Member Jacobs explained “the picket fence they are describing is very characteristic of the age, so it might be getting down to a personal preference whether they go across the front; I have no problem with that.”

No other citizens appeared before the Historical Preservation Board to discuss the request for the Certificate of Appropriateness for 819 S. Crockett Street.

### **ACTION TAKEN.**

Motion by Board Member Jacobs to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for a 3' Gothic style white picket fence in the front yard and side yard with a double swing gate over sidewalk, replace existing rear fence with an 8' stained cedar privacy fence, extend 6' fence along Moravec Lane with the planting of shrubs in front of the fence, add a deck level with the back door, and a Victorian Pergola over patio at 819

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**South Crockett Street. Second by Board Member Mayhugh.**

**VOTING AYE: JACOBS AND MAYHUGH**

**VOTING NAY: NONE.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**THE COMMISSION FOUND THE REQUESTS CONFORM TO THE INTENT OF THE ORDINANCE.**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**No other business came before the board.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**On Motion duly made and carried, the meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

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**CHAIRMAN**

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**SECRETARY**