



City of Slidell, Louisiana

Olde Towne Preservation District Commission

Agenda

March 8, 2023 at 5:00pm

City Planning Department Conference Room, 250 Bouscaren St, 2nd Floor, Slidell, LA

Agenda packet available at myslidell.com/planning/boards/otpdc

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1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**
2. **Minutes.** Review and approve minutes from February 8, 2023
3. **Public Hearings**
 - a. **CA23-04:** A request for a Certificate of Appropriateness for new construction and exterior alterations at 236 Robert St., by Jason Clayton on behalf of owner, Rosemary Hemelt.
4. **Other Business**
5. **Informational Items**
6. **General and Public Comments**
7. **Adjournment**

The next Olde Towne Preservation District Commission meeting will be April 12, 2023.



City of Slidell, Louisiana

Olde Towne Preservation District Commission Minutes

February 8, 2023 at 5:00 pm

Planning Conference Room, 250 Bouscaren St. Suite 203, Slidell, LA

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call.** Meeting called to order by Chairperson Darby at 5:04 p.m.

Commissioners Present

Darren Darby, Chair
Jessica Fawer, Vice Chair
Michelle Cramer
Dawn Crippin

Commissioners Not Present

Sam Caruso, Jr.

Staff Present

Daniel McElmurray, Planning Director
Theresa Alexander, Planner

2. **Minutes.** Motion by Commissioner Crippin to approve minutes of January 11, 2023 as written; Commissioner Fawer seconded. A vote of 3 YAYS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTAIN approved the minutes.

3. **Public Hearings**

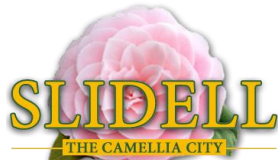
a. There were none.

4. **Other Business**

- a. Continuing education-Director McElmurray and the Commission discussed various aspects of receiving the 4 required hours of continuing education for the year.
- b. Director McElmurray informed the Commission that Commissioner Caruso has stated his intention to resign, and asked if the Commission knew of anyone who would be interested in filling the vacant seat.
- c. Director McElmurray, Theresa Alexander, and the Commission had an extensive conversation about improving Olde Towne regarding preservation and businesses. Many items were discussed such as advertisement for Olde Towne events, condition of Olde Towne buildings, involvement of City Officials in Olde Towne projects, and ways to attract businesses to Olde Towne.

5. **General and Public Comments.** There were none.

6. **Adjournment.** Meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m. on a motion by Commissioner Fawer, seconded by Commissioner Crippin, and a vote of 3 YAYS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTAIN.



Planning Department

Staff Report

Case No. CA23-04

Certificate of Appropriateness

for a new Screened Gazebo and Awning at 236 Robert St

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Location: 236 Robert St (Figure 1)

Historic Status: Contributing historic structure within the OTPD (LHRI No. 52-00137)

Owner/Applicant: Rosemary Hemelt

Zoning: C-3 Central Business/OTPD Olde Towne Preservation District

Request: Certificate of Appropriateness for a Screened Gazebo and Patio Cover (see Findings for complete details)

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Staff Recommendation

Approval

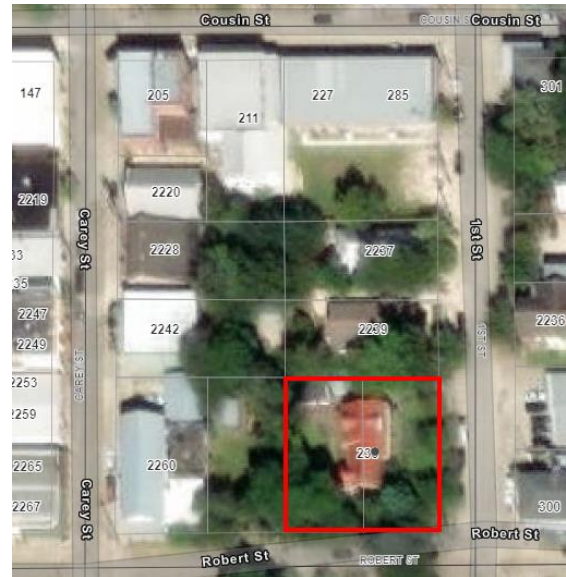


Figure 1. Location map

Findings

1. 236 Robert St is a developed property with a single-family residence (Figure 2).
2. The home was built in 1940 in the Colonial Revival style and is classified as a contributing historic structure according to the Louisiana Historic Resource Inventory (LHRI) inspection conducted in February 2017 (LHRI No. 52-00137).
3. The applicant proposes to construct a new screened-in patio located in the rear side yard in the location of the previous Greenhouse (c. 1960), meeting the required setbacks. The applicant also proposes to install a new awning over the rear entrance to the home. (Figure 3).
4. The proposed 18 ft by 30 ft screened in patio will be constructed of aluminum metal (21 Gauge/0.032 inch) with a 16- or 18-inch kick plate and one screen door. The overall height of the enclosure is proposed to be just under 10 ft, meeting the maximum height requirement of 16 ft (Figure 3).



Figure 2. 236 Robert St (2019/2022)

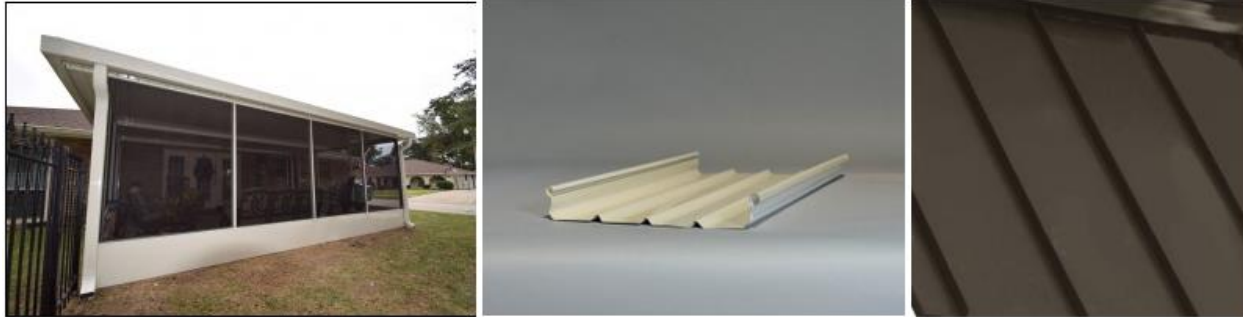


Figure 3. Examples showing materials and color.

5. The setbacks for the new screened in patio will meet the minimum required for the side and rear property lines. (Figure 4)
6. The proposed 10 ft by 13.7 ft awning will be mounted to the residence over the rear exit toward the driveway. The awning will cover most of the raised porch area and will be supported by two 3 ft x 3 ft smooth aluminum columns. The proposed awning will be adequately sloped away from the building toward the driveway. (Figure 5).
7. The proposed aluminum for the screened enclosure and awning will be a rubbed bronze which appears black in the sunlight (Figure 3).
8. The property is located within the same area as several other historically contributing structures: 205 and 211 Cousin St, 301 Cousin St, 2220 and 2242 Carey St.

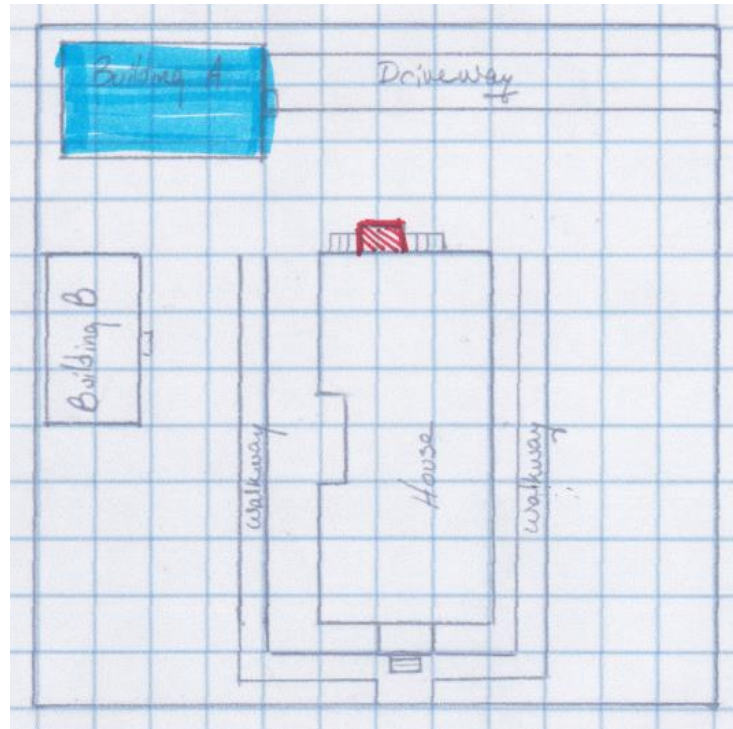


Figure 4. Plot Plan.

Standards

9. This request is for New Construction of an accessory structure. It is reviewed against the standards of **Section 2-216(q) New construction** of the City of Slidell Code of Ordinances. The following factors are considered in this request for a Certificate of Appropriateness:



Figure 5. Location of Proposed Awning

- a. *Scale*. The new screened in patio is proposed to be in the rear yard and is just under 10 feet tall. The City code has a maximum height of 16 feet for accessory structures (**Section 10.401 of Appendix A**). The existing single-family dwelling is one-story. The proposed patio meets the maximum height and is in scale with its surroundings.
 - b. *Siting*. The patio is proposed to be in the left corner of the rear yard, set back as described in finding #3. The City code requires the following minimum setbacks for accessory structures (**Section 10.401 of Appendix A**): 3 feet from the side lot line (west) and 5 feet from the rear (north). The proposed patio is appropriately sited.
 - c. *Materials*. The screened in patio is proposed to be constructed of aluminum. Metal has historic context and is an appropriate material.
 - d. *Decorative details*. The proposed screened in patio has squared corners. The overall simplicity of the design will not detract from the primary structure's details.
 - e. *Architectural elements*. The rectangular shape of the patio and the proposed rubbed bronze color will avoid any unnecessary attention to the structure and allow for the structure to blend in with the overall composition in the Olde Towne Preservation District.
10. This request is also for exterior alteration to add a metal awning. It is reviewed against the standards of **Section 2-216(t) Overhanging balconies, canopies or awnings** and the general design guidelines of **Section 2-2217 Design guidelines for Olde Towne and Fremaux Corridor of Appendix A Zoning** of the City of Slidell Code of Ordinances. The following factors are considered in this request for a Certificate of Appropriateness:
- a. *New awnings*. New awnings must conform to the distinctive architecture of the Olde Towne Preservation District. The form of the proposed new awning conforms with the district.
 - b. *Compatibility with the environment*. Buildings shall exhibit the ability to provide protection from rain, sun, and high humidity. The proposed awning will protect building entrants from the elements.
 - c. *Materials*. The awning is proposed to be aluminum. Metal has historic context and is an appropriate material.
11. The proposed screened in patio and awning are consistent with the applicable standards of the Olde Towne Preservation District.