

The Minutes of the City of Ocean Springs
Historic Preservation Commission
Thursday, March 12, 2026

1. Call meeting to order

Chairman Bonnie Munro called the meeting to order on Thursday, March 12, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. Commission members present were Kathy Stafford, Owen White, Karen Chewning, and Robert Brown. Absent, Susan Wooten and Charles Fowler. Also, present were Amanda Crose - Planning Director, Elizabeth Dill - Planning Technician, and Rae Williams – Planning Office Administrator.

2. Approval of Minutes

- a. February 12, 2026

A motion was made by Owen White, seconded by Kathy Stafford to accept February 12, 2026, meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Old Business

- a. None

4. New Business

- a. **315 Front Beach Drive - PIDN: 61260003.000 - Edward Aldridge - Requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) to construct a 1 ½' – 2' tall brick wall at the driveway entrance**

Chairman Munro called for a representative for the application, but no one was in attendance.

A motion was made Kathy Stafford, seconded by Owen White, to move Item 4a to the end of the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

- b. **1211 Bowen Ave - PIDN: 60137096.000 - Patrick Mason Gray - Requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) to construct a 12' x 35' gravel driveway connecting to the existing walkway and to paint the exterior brick house with an off-white masonry limewash**

Amanda Crose, Planning Director, introduced the request for a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) to construct a 12' x 35' gravel driveway located on the front west side of the property connecting to the existing walkway. Also, to paint the exterior brick house with an off-white masonry limewash with three potential color options including Avorio White, Bianco White, and Cristallo White.

The National Register lists this house as non-contributing. The driveway will be constructed out of small gravel consistent with the neighboring driveways.

The applicant, Partick Mason Gray, was present to represent and answered questions from the commissioners.

A motion was made by Karen Chewning, seconded by Robert Brown, to recommend approval of the Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) to construct a 12' x 35' gravel driveway connecting to the existing walkway and to paint the exterior brick house an off-white masonry limewash with three potential color options including Avorio White, Bianco White, and Cristallo White. The motion carried unanimously.

c. 525 Jackson Ave - PIDN: 60137098.000 – Haley Martin – Request for a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) to removed and replace the existing limestone driveway with a combination of concrete and brick pavers, and remove and replace the existing concrete walkway with brick pavers

Amanda Cruse, Planning Director, introduced the request for a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) to remove and replace the existing limestone driveway with a combination of concrete and brick pavers, and remove and replace the existing concrete walkway with brick pavers. The National Register lists this house as contributing.

A representative was present to represent the case; however, no questions were asked by the commissioners.

A motion was made by Owen White, seconded by Karen Chewning, to recommend approval of the Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) to remove and replace the existing limestone driveway with a combination of concrete and brick pavers, and remove and replace the existing concrete walkway with brick pavers. The motion carried unanimously.

d. 1217 Sunset Ave – PIDN: 60119030.110 – Jeremy & Melissa Holland – Request for Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) to construct a 6' x 53' elevated platform along the southwest side of the residence, connecting the existing front and rear porches, install a 4' black fence along the southwest side property line and bulkhead, and extend the existing garage toward the rear of the property by 16'

Amanda Cruse, Planning Director, introduced the request for a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) to construct a 6' x 53' elevated platform along the southwest side of the residence, connecting the existing front and rear porches with like finishes, install a 4' black fence along the southwest side property line and bulkhead, and extend the existing garage toward the rear of the property by 16'.

After recommendation from The Zoning and Adjustment Board, the Board of Aldermen (BOA) granted a variance reducing the southwest side setback requirement from 10 feet to 6 feet to allow construction of the porch.

The applicant, Jeremy Holland, was present to represent his case and answer questions from the commissioners.

A motion was made by Kathy Stafford, seconded by Karen Chewning, to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) to construct a 6' x 53' elevated platform along the southwest side of the residence, connecting the existing front and rear porches with like finishes, install a 4' black fence along the southwest side property line and bulkhead, and extend the existing garage toward the rear of the property by 16' with like finishes

for 1217 Sunset Ave. The motion was carried unanimously.

- a. 315 Front Beach Drive - PIDN: 61260003.000 - Edward Aldridge - Requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) to construct a 1 ½' – 2' tall brick wall at the driveway entrance**

Chairman Munro returned to Agenda Item 4a and asked if the applicant, Mr. Aldridge was in attendance. Due to not having a representative present, a motion was made by Owen White, seconded by Kathy Stafford to table until next month's meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Audience Request

- a. None

6. Administrative

- a. None

7. Adjourn

A motion was made by Owen White, seconded by Karen Chewning, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting ended at 6:09 p.m.