



COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

FROM: Community Development Department
Prepared by: Ken Patton

CC: City Clerk
Public Information

SUBJECT: Appeal of the Oversight Committee decision to approve the proposed exterior change at 1083 Marietta Highway (the former State Patrol post)

DATE: March 24, 2015

RECOMMENDATION

The Canton Oversight Committee recently reviewed a proposal for exterior changes to 1083 Marietta Highway, the future home of CASA, Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children. The Committee approved all of the changes with the exception of painting the existing brick exterior.

REPORT-IN-BRIEF

The Oversight Committee has received numerous requests to paint over existing brick exteriors. It is the Committee opinion that painting over a brick exterior is not a good practice and cheapens the appearance of the structure. In this instance painting of the exterior brick would not be in keeping with adjacent and nearby properties. I have included photographs of buildings in the immediate vicinity that shows the majority of the structures in the area are natural brick facades. The exceptions are the carwash behind the Goodyear tire store, the old Canton City Club, which has a wood exterior and Cherokee Lanes which has a split face block exterior (also unpainted).

Also enclosed is the applicants reason for wanting to paint the brick along with photographs of the existing condition and a rendering showing what it could look like.

DISCUSSION

CONCURRENCES

FISCAL IMPACT

ALTERNATIVES

Attachments

LOCATION MAP



Comcast

Brusters

former Sonic

Canton City Club

Georgia Power

Subject Property

Sheriff's building

Goodyear

Car Wash

former skate center

Gene Hobgood, *Mayor*
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February 27, 2015

Mark Robillard Architects, Inc.
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Subject: Oversight Committee review of proposed exterior changes for 1083 Marietta Highway,
Canton, Georgia 30114

Dear Mr. Robillard:

Please be advised the Oversight Committee has reviewed the proposed changes for the above referenced structure. The Committee approved all proposed changes EXCEPT the painting of the existing brick. The proposed painting of the brick is not in keeping with the exterior elements of adjacent and nearby structures. The proposed painting would have a negative impact on the visual environment and also a negative impact to adjacent and surrounding properties.

Should you wish to appeal this decision you may do so by going before the Mayor and City Council.

If you have any questions please contact my office at 770-704-1530.

Sincerely,

Steve Green, Zoning Administrator
City of Canton

cc: Mayor Gene Hobgood
Ken Patton, Director of Community Development

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Mr. Steve Green
Oversight Committee
City of Canton
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Dear Mr. Green:

CASA, Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children wishes to appeal the decision rendered by the Oversight Committee concerning painting of the existing brick for their new location located at 1083 Marietta Highway in Canton. There are very important reasons CASA would like to share with the Oversight Committee as to why this important design decision was made and how it is critical to CASA's success in ensuring children are provided a safe and nurturing environment while in the care of CASA.

Sincerely,



Mark Robillard, AIA
Principal

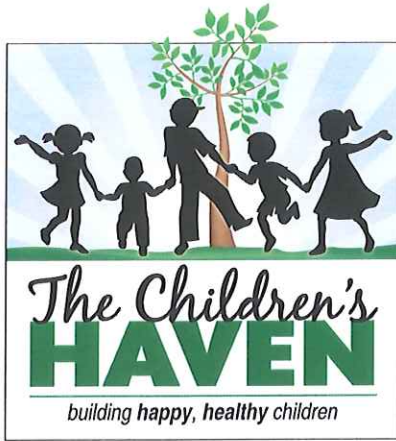
cc: Ms. Deidre Hollands

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**City of Canton
Building Department**





Every day, hundreds of children in Cherokee are touched by the emotional suffering caused by abuse, neglect and placement in the foster care system. The impact can be profound, and it can last a lifetime unless we intervene.

The Children's Haven exists to promote the health and happiness of children impacted by abuse. We are committed to building successful children through programs that increase their safety and improve their educational, social and emotional functioning. We envision a community where every child impacted by abuse has the opportunities and supports they need to fully realize their potential, pursue their dreams and become productive members of our community. We provide the following programs;

Safety- Supervised Visitation offers a safe, comfortable environment for a child to visit with parents, siblings and extended family while they are separated by child welfare involvement. This allows for bonded attachments to be kept intact while maintaining the safety and well- being of the child.

Advocacy - Focused court appointed child advocacy so that no child lingers in the foster care system without the security of a safe, nurturing and permanent family. Advocates work with parents to access services they need to stabilize their lives and improve their parenting skills so that family can be reunited. But when reunification is not appropriate, advocates help to quickly find relatives or adoptive parents who can provide a permanent and stable home.

Support- Children need guidance and compassion to prevent a traumatic event from defining their lives through later destructive choices. Supportive programs improve a child's social, emotional and education functioning giving them the opportunity to succeed in life:

- Educational goal setting and tutoring
- Mentoring focused on character development and self esteem
- Grief support groups
- Emergency supply closet

In one child- friendly facility- Our vision is offer these services in a home- like setting that is comfortable and nonthreatening to children. In our efforts to make The Children's Haven a place that children can feel safe, we have taken the greatest care to design a homelike experience from the moment they enter the driveway. The painting of the brick exterior was thoughtfully designed to soften the look and feel of the building so that a child does not experience the very intimidating and scary harsh red brick State Patrol Barracks that the building was originally created to be, but might instead remind a child of visiting his grandmother.

I am including renderings to illustrate our tasteful plan for the exterior of the building that will better instill the feeling of comfort and safety for the children that will come to us for healing services.

It is my hope that these materials may give you a good understanding of 1) why it is so important for us to soften the exterior of the building by painting the brick and 2) how we intend to do it in a very appealing way. I hope that you will look favorably upon our request.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Deidre Hollander

1083 Marietta Hwy

Before: Originally created as a State Patrol Barrack



After: Transformed into a warm, friendly
and safe facility













