

**MINUTES OF THE ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD**

**July 16, 2020**

**Item 4 226 E. Government Street  
Contributing Structure**

**PHD/HC-1  
Wood Cottages**

**Action taken: Conceptual Approval with comments.**

Ms. Cabassa and Mr. Switzer presented to the Board. Ms. Cabassa stated the original structure was relocated to the current address in 1978, with the original foundation, chimneys and roof removed along with other changes. She advised that according to Mr. Pristera's comments, the contributing status should play a minor role in reviewing the plans for this property. She advised they added the pediments over the windows, the mullions back in the windows, 9' French doors on the front, replaced the front door and transom with a 9' door since those doors did not appear original. Two doors were added on the porch to the left side, and six shutters added on the west side. After reviewing the Code Section 12-2-10(A)(6)(d)(1), they added back the porch for the contributing portion which would not be detrimental to the house. Board Member Crawford noted the original porch was smaller, and Advisor Pristera stated it was more of a covered stoop. Board Member Salter thought the new design did take in the characteristics which were great about this building. He did point out the Board preferred salvaging as much of the existing materials as possible, specifically regarding the windows and doors; he preferred using those materials on the front façade as much as possible. Advisor Pristera indicated the windows under the porch were in better condition since they had been protected, but others showed signs of wear or significant damage. He would like to see original materials saved, but was unsure if they could be salvaged. Ms. Cabassa stated that would be a major undertaking. Chairperson Quina pointed out this was a conceptual and aesthetic review of the design at this point. Advisor Pristera indicated he had been working with the applicant to attain the desired results. Board Member Villegas wanted to echo the concerns of Board Member Salter. She appreciated the changes that were made and thought they had respected the intention of the original builder, but in bringing in new products because it was too much of an undertaking to restore what is there, she felt the original façade of the front should be maintained as much as possible. Ms. Cabassa stated it would be a major undertaking to have the windows repaired and functional. Board Member Villegas stated even if it was a new product, it should replicate what it was replacing. Board Member Crawford agreed they needed to consider the front and what could be repaired or replicated.

**Board Member Crawford made a motion to approve conceptually as submitted with notes that the front door, shutters and three major openings including the four small gable openings, be looked at closely for restoration or replication with like materials. Board Member Mead seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously**