

APPLICATION REVIEW

ATHENS HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

MARCH 6, 2025

3:30 P.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) request for Stephen and Rebekah Baker- 612 E. Madison Avenue- for replacement of siding on detached apartment.**

Application with photos attached

(Black text- Applicant Comments, Blue Italics Text-Guideline Policies, Red Italics Text-Staff Comments)

From the applicant:

The vinyl siding on the back side of our guest house was ripped off and torn during a recent windstorm. We have chosen to upgrade the posterior and both second level sides to match the wood design that is on the front of the structure. The wood materials were previously approved when the structure was done by previous owners and for some reason, they chose at that time to use vinyl siding that neither looked good nor withstood the wind/storms.

Preserve and maintain original wood elements. Protect wood from water exposure to promote its longevity. Regularly check for leaking roofs, gutters, and caulking, and make repairs immediately. Match replacement materials to originals. Do not cover wood siding with vinyl or other siding. Wood siding types, such as clapboard, drop siding, flush siding, and board-and-batten, as well as wood shingles, are common features of many historic buildings and should be preserved whenever possible (pg 29).

The replacement of vinyl siding with wood siding would be appropriate.