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PROPERTIES, LLC

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Brenda Hall, City of Norman Clerk  
201 West Gray  
Norman, OK 73070

RE: Notice of Appeal  
COA Denial 540 S. Lahoma, Norman OK

To whom it may concern,

I own the property at the above mentioned property. At the March 5, 2018 meeting I was approved to build a new garage in place of the existing car port. My garage door style was not approved with the garage application and I was asked to come back with alternative door style and materials. On May 7, my alternative garage style which was a steel door with a wood overlay to match the style in the area was denied on a 3-3 vote.

I wish to appeal the Historic District Commission decision on denial of my garage door style to the City Council. The reason for my appeal is as follows:

1. Garage doors have evolved over the present years. Wood garage doors are no longer the mainstay for garage doors. There are many manufactured types that from the street appear to be a wood door.
2. Approximately 50% of the garage doors in the 2 block area are a steel garage door.
3. 530 S. Chautauqua Ave, built in 2010 has a carriage style door with the same materials I proposed.
4. There was a split vote at the Historic Commission which means 50% of the present members agreed with new alternative materials I proposed.

5. Doors proposed are steel door with wood overlay that will match and harmonize with the existing doors in the area.
6. Wood doors are not all wood doors today. Even the door one commissioner said he liked are not solid wood doors. The door panels discussed are made of Masonite or hardboard doors. **Masonite** is a type of [hardboard](#) made of steam-cooked and pressure-molded wood fibres in a process patented by William H. Mason.
7. Steel doors that emulate wood doors will not rot and will last the test of time unlike a wood door.
8. Steel door proposed meets the wind standard as designated by the building code.

In closing, I feel that garage doors are similar to wood siding. The Historic Commission has started allowing improved products over wood siding like Hardi Products which are new and improved fiber cement sidings that will last the test of time. Or similar to wood windows, which a metal clad wood window and a vinyl window are now allowed to replace wood windows because of durability and the life span is a lot longer. We need to be good stewards of our earth and build and replace products as long as the materials match and harmonize with the intent of the design with products that are new and improved and better durability. Also, with construction today there many products on the market and we should not limit anyone product to one specific material especially if it is inferior.

Thank you for your consideration,



Curtis A. McCarty  
Manager