

REGULAR MEETING  
TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
JUNE 1, 2005  
WEDNESDAY - 2:00 P.M.  
TOWN HALL

The Historic Preservation Commission held its regular meeting on Wednesday, June 1, 2005. Members present were Laura Soltis, Bette Sprecher, Sandra Owen, Peter Sterling and Malinda Messer. Chairman Bette Sprecher called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m.

Approval of May 4, 2005 Minutes

Laura Soltis moved, seconded by Malinda Messer to approve the minutes of the May 4, 2005 meeting with the following amendment: add under the request for Local Landmark Designation for 421 Grimball Drive - that some of the HPC Members were a bit puzzled that the house had been on the market about the same time that the Local Landmark designation was granted. The motion carried unanimously.

Amendment to Minutes of April 6

It was the consensus of the HPC that the minutes of April 6 be amended as follows: Page 2, Discussion of Development Proposal for the "Atkins House" Property - 421 Grimball Drive - add that after Mr. Jackson heard the development guidelines he did not feel that the HPC would be doing their job and did not see any way that his proposed development could ever be approved. Therefore, he withdrew his proposal and will be looking for other available property with a minimum of three (3) acres in order to construct 21 - 24 units.

Discussion Regarding Request to Remove Local Landmark Designation for 421 Grimball Drive

There was discussion regarding the request by Roger and Judith Winge to remove the Local Landmark Designation for the property located at 421 Grimball Drive. A joint public hearing of the Board of Aldermen and Historic Preservation Commission has been scheduled for Tuesday, June 14, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. to consider this request. HPC Members felt that a packet of information should be included in the Board of Aldermen's agenda, including a time line of events regarding this issue along with the corresponding documents for review. The HPC wished to strongly express their desire that the Local Landmark Designation for the property at 421 Grimball Drive remain as it is and not be removed. The HPC feels that the original significance of the property has not changed and is the Commission's recommendation to retain the designation "a sound one". Sandra Owen pointed out that when the designation was originally granted 16 pages of original building specifications were presented. Sandra Owen also pointed out that this is the first request received to remove the Local Landmark Designation and felt that the Town should be cautious when reviewing requests for removal since this could set a precedent and affect historic preservation in Waynesville.

It was the consensus of the HPC that a subcommittee meeting be scheduled at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, June 6 to review the rough draft of the material to be submitted for the public hearing scheduled on Tuesday, June 14. This material will be compiled by Town Staff.

#### Slide Presentation - Historic Property Inventory

Amos Gilliam, a student from Appalachian State working as a Planning Intern for the Town of Waynesville presented a slide presentation of historic properties. In 1987 an architectural firm was hired to conduct an inventory of historic properties in Haywood County. Several properties have been demolished since the last survey. Mr. Gilliam has been taking current pictures and updating addresses which have changed. The slide presentation contained about 90 entries. He explained that these properties are not on the National Register nor do they have the Local Landmark designation. The total inventory has approximately 80 site locations but each location may have more than one house. The inventory contains a total of approximately 300 historic structures. Additional information on the 1987 survey can be obtained at the regional office of State Archives in Asheville. Rebecca Johnson is the contact for that office.

The HPC thanked Mr. Gilliam for the presentation and said he may get a request from the Haywood County Historical Society to present the same at one of their meetings. No action was needed.

#### Review of Handbook

Laura Soltis moved, seconded by Malinda Messer, to delay the handbook review until the next meeting, and to add the review of Section 8 (Pages 63 to 72).

#### Adjournment

With no further business, Laura Soltis moved, seconded by Peter Sterling to adjourn the meeting at 3:54 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Phyllis R. McClure, Town Clerk

Bette Sprecher, Chairman