

REGULAR MEETING  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE  
MARCH 4, 2009  
WEDNESDAY - 2:00 P.M.  
TOWN HALL

The Historic Preservation Commission held a regular meeting on Wednesday, March 4, 2009. Members present were Tom Shaw, Herbert Nelson, David Felmet, Bette Sprecher, Nikki Owens, Bob Kearney and Sandra Owen. Also present were Planning Director Paul Benson and Town Clerk Phyllis McClure. Chairman Bette Sprecher called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes of February 4, 2009

David Felmet moved, seconded by Herbert Nelson, to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2009 meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion of April 16 Workshop at Haywood County Library

Paul Benson said letters will be mailed to all property owners of properties in the historic inventory. The workshop will be held April 16 from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. in the Waynesville Branch of the Haywood County Library. Notices will appear in Waynesville's quarterly newsletter and notice will be sent to the press. Bette Sprecher will get refreshments for the workshop.

Bob Kearney said the commission's goal for this workshop was to target specific properties in Waynesville to attempt to get those properties added to the local landmark list. He stressed the importance of bringing those property owners into focus without losing them in the shuffle.

Bette Sprecher suggested that commission members review their lists and choose four or five property owners to notify of the meeting. Paul Benson said he could get a list of those property owners to the commission members by April 1.

Commission members agreed that one of their goals is to educate property owners in things that should not be done to historic houses or properties, especially when making renovations or changes that would interfere with their historic significance.

Bob Kearney asked if specific properties in Waynesville with the local landmark designation could be shown at the workshop.

Tom Shaw asked if there are some local landmark owners that could explain how the process works and give a testimonial at the workshop.

Nikki Owens felt that the entire commission should decide what will be presented at the workshop.

Bette Sprecher said owners of homes with local landmark designation could show what has been done and explain the process to other owners of historic homes.

Bob Kearney suggested that the commission compile a list of local goals.

Paul Benson said the HPC could prepare the agenda for the workshop. Suggestions for the agenda included local success stories with a slide show, presentations by historic experts during the last part of the workshop, and a time for questions at the end.

Nikki Owens suggested a time for testimonials, distribution of copies of applications completed for local landmark designation and information for property owners to let them know that there are restrictions. The walking tour brochures could be used as a launch point for the slide show. Historic properties that have been lost to this process such as Dayco and the Open Air Curb Market could be discussed.

Herbert Nelson suggested that the presentation by the State be first, explaining what they have to offer, then going into the local portion of the workshop, giving examples of local landmarks such as the Smathers house and Citizens Bank (Town Square).

Sandra Owen added that the commission should be mindful of the workshop time with so many items to discuss.

Tom Shaw said you can't expect the public to take away specifics when they are hit with so much information. Nikki Owens added that it is confusing when you discuss local landmarks and national register and the complexity of preservation. Tom Shaw suggested that a one page handout be available with comparisons of local landmark and national register.

Bob Kearney felt that just as much could be accomplished with one or two testimonials. Herbert Nelson pointed out that visuals are extremely powerful. Nikki Owens said it would be nice for people to see photographs of local landmarks. Herbert Nelson added that it won't take too long to show a slide show. Bob Kearney said a photograph of a local landmark could be shown along with a list of prospective local landmarks. Tom Shaw suggested that a copy of an application submitted by a property owner for the local landmark process be made available at the workshop. Sandra Owen said she loves the idea of showing historic buildings that have been saved and historic buildings that might be saved. Herbert Nelson and Bob Kearney will work on a slide presentation. Tom Shaw will work on an agenda for the workshop. At next month's meeting the commission can discuss and finalize plans for the workshop.

Herbert Nelson moved, seconded by David Felmet, that the agenda should consist of 1 - Local Successes, 2 - Testimony, and 3 - Local Opportunities.

Bob Kearney moved, second by Herbert Nelson, to amend the motion to exclude the national register and easement portion of the workshop. Both motions carried unanimously.

Tom Shaw volunteered to reformat the information so that the national register and local landmark information comparison is available. He added that information on easements can be made available

if anyone is interested, without the information being part of the workshop.

Nikki Owens will check with the technician at the Haywood County Library to help set up the Power Point Presentation.

Bob Kearney said he would need photographs of one or two properties from each commission member and enough information for one or two bullet points for each property.

Bette Sprecher - Death of Alderman Kenneth Moore and Town Manager Galloway's Mother, Rosalie Galloway

Bette Sprecher said Town Manager Galloway's mother, Rosalie Galloway passed away on March 1 and Alderman Kenneth Moore passed away on March 2. Ms. Sprecher will send cards from the Historic Preservation Commission to the family of Kenneth Moore and to Town Manager Galloway.

Adjournment

With no further business, it was the consensus of the Historic Preservation Commission to adjourn the meeting at 3:11 p.m.

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Phyllis R. McClure  
Town Clerk

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Bette H. Sprecher  
Chairman