

REGULAR MEETING  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE  
FEBRUARY 3, 2010  
WEDNESDAY, 2:00 PM  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING

The Historic Preservation Commission held a regular meeting on Wednesday, February 3, 2010. Members in attendance were: Shawn Leatherwood, David Felmet, Jr., Peter Sterling, Sandra Owen, and Bette Sprecher. Those absent included Chairman Nikki Owens and Vice-chairman Bob Kearney. Bette Sprecher called the meeting to order at 2:07pm.

Approval of Minutes

Bette Sprecher made a motion to accept the minutes of January 6, 2010 with two changes: First, under Williamson House, "Sandra Owen inquired as to whether or not there was a *protest* at the meeting" will be changed to "Sandra Owen inquired as to whether or not there was an *objection* at the meeting". Second, Peter Sterling mentioned changing the heading *Bicentennial Celebration to Event on June 5<sup>th</sup>, Appalachian Lifestyle Celebration*. Peter Sterling seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Williamson House Update

The Board of Aldermen voted to remove the designation on December 8, 2009.

Howell House (Windover Inn at 117 Old Hickory Street)

Glenn and Jennifer Duerr, owners of Howell House were in the audience.

Paul Benson said the State is generally in agreement with designation, however, they wanted additional information. Paul Benson prepared a concise statement from information in the report that outlines the property's significance and reasons it does qualify, based on association, historical use as tourist lodging, historical associations with James Hardin Howell, its excellent state of preservation, etc. Shawn Leatherwood made a motion to approve the statement Paul Benson prepared in regard to the Howell House as representative of the Historic Preservation Commission's position regarding designation. David Felmet seconded and all approved.

Sandra Owen and Peter Sterling thanked the Duerrs for their interest in the property and expressed their happiness in having it preserved.

Walking Tour Brochure &  
Monthly Newspaper Column for 2010

These items were tabled and will be discussed at a later date.

### Historic Preservation Commission Vacancies

Paul Benson said the Board of Aldermen discussed the two vacancies on the Historic Preservation Commission and decided to delay making these two appointments since the upcoming new ordinance has recommended changing the membership from nine to seven.

### June 5<sup>th</sup> Event, Appalachian Lifestyle Celebration

Peter Sterling went to Downtown Waynesville Association and met with Henry Foy regarding this event. He felt that two representatives from the HPC need to be at the initial February meeting (yet to be scheduled) which the Downtown Waynesville Association will host. He felt the Haywood Historical Society should be involved with the new book and the HPC be involved with the walking tour brochure.

Sandra Owen said HPC would have a free booth and have the opportunity to distribute the walking tour brochure and get more visibility for HPC. Bette Sprecher mentioned that the event would not be a craft show but would have demonstrations such as blacksmithing, quilting and potters. Sandra Owen felt the Board of Aldermen need to request that the courthouse be opened for tours. She also felt this would be a good opportunity to get information out—a catchy sheet to let people know what is available—regarding contractor information and how to keep things from being torn down. Peter Sterling mentioned having a handout that would indicate what the process is for historic preservation. Shawn Leatherwood agreed on having something to pique their interest without having them feel overwhelmed. It was agreed to have this event on the agenda again in March for further planning purposes.

### Outreach

Bette Sprecher had a phone conversation recently with Marty Stamey, Assistant Haywood County Manager, who assured her that if the former Wal-Mart building is purchased for Haywood County offices, the old hospital will not be torn down. Bette will arrange a tour of the old hospital for the Historic Preservation Commission to be conducted by Marty Stamey. This tour will also comprise the regular meeting of the HPC for March.

### Other Business

There was some discussion regarding the Hanna-Graham House in the Spread Out District. Members felt fairly certain the property had sold. Bette said she would call Bob Kearney who would have an update.

Shawn Leatherwood informed members that the white duplex and stone house on the corner of Boundary Street and Russ Avenue sold to a Mr. Baggett and Shawn will be drawing plans for a future bookstore to be placed there. Paul Benson mentioned the two structures are not on the study list. There was concern among members regarding the plans for the bookstore including scale, parking, design, materials, etc. Shawn Leatherwood assured commission members if they are concerned over what Mr. Baggett is doing, a meeting could be arranged; Shawn felt Mr. Baggett would be glad to come before the HPC to discuss his plans. David Felmet felt it was important to

arrange a meeting with the HPC.

Peter Sterling mentioned the vacant storefronts throughout Waynesville and how the Historic Preservation Commission might use old photographs with descriptions to display in the storefronts to spur interest in the HPC. This would also be good for the Town during this downturn in the economy. Bette Sprecher mentioned that Peter might go to the library and consult with Joyce Cope and Robert Busko for help on this project.

### Adjournment

With no further business, David Felmet moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Shawn Leatherwood. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 2:53 pm.

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Ginny Boyer  
Secretary

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Nikki Owens  
Chairman