

REGULAR MEETING
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE
AUGUST 4, 2010
WEDNESDAY, 2:00 PM
TOWN HALL, 9 SOUTH MAIN STREET

The Historic Preservation Commission held a regular meeting on Wednesday, August 4, 2010. Members in attendance were: Chairman Nikki Owens, Vice-Chairman Peter Sterling, Henry Foy, Sandra Owen, Bette Sprecher, Bob Kearney, Shawn Leatherwood, and Ann Melton. Also present were Intern Melanie Verges and Secretary Ginny Boyer. Planning Director Paul Benson was attending to other Town of Waynesville business.

Approval of Minutes

Bette Sprecher moved to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of July 7, 2010 with one correction: On page three, paragraph six, McIntosh House will be corrected to McIntosh *Building*. Shawn Leatherwood seconded and all were in favor.

Intern Melanie Verges on Hannah-Graham House

In an effort to preserve the Hannah-Graham House which is for sale, Ms. Verges has been working with Preservation North Carolina's Ted Alexander and has shown the house several times. The house is close to foreclosure and Ms. Verges feels the Commission should start the process of local landmark designation. She mentioned her desire to be involved as much as possible in the process and volunteered to write the report required.

Shawn Leatherwood made a motion that Ms. Verges be responsible for beginning the research process and getting documents ready to be submitted to the State Historic Preservation Office for local landmark designation of the Hannah-Graham House. Bette Sprecher seconded and all were in favor.

Commission members Sandra Owen and Shawn Leatherwood asked that Ms. Verges contact the State Historic Preservation Office to let them know the Commission desires to achieve local landmark designation for the Hannah-Graham house in hopes that the process could be expedited.

Commission members expressed interest in viewing the house. Ms. Verges mentioned leaving the key with Secretary Ginny Boyer at the Municipal Building, 16 South Main Street.

Commission members thanked Ms. Verges for her interest in the Hannah-Graham House, Ms. Owens adding it takes someone with a heart for historic preservation to achieve these goals.

Love Lane as Local Historic District

According to Ann Melton, many of the Love Lane area homeowners have expressed a willingness to help achieve local historic district designation. Ms. Melton feels that a meeting/workshop through

the State Historic Preservation Office needs to be arranged for the homeowners in the area to explain things in detail. Commission members agreed that the State Historic Preservation Office should be utilized to explain: local landmark designation, local historic district designation and national historic register designation to those residents.

Shawn Leatherwood made a motion that Ms. Verges set up a workshop through the State Historic Preservation Office for the residents of Love Lane so that the pros and cons of local landmark designation, local historic district designation and national historic register designation can be explained to homeowners as they pertain to the Love Lane area. Bette Sprecher seconded and all were in favor.

Other Business

McIntosh Building

Chairman Owens provided Commission members with a draft letter ultimately to be given to the Board of Aldermen regarding repealing local landmark designation of the McIntosh Building. The letter was up for review by Commission members and revisions were recommended.

Sandra Owen mentioned the revised letter entitled “Revocation of Landmark Designation for J.B.S. McIntosh Building, 188-190 North Main Street” be sent to both the Board of Aldermen and the owner of the building. Henry Foy made a motion to send the letter; this was seconded by Shawn Leatherwood. All were in favor.

Changes forthcoming to Community Appearance Commission, Historic Preservation

Peter Sterling wants to discuss the “concrete mandatory standards” that will be in place mentioned by Planning Director Paul Benson if the Community Appearance Commission is disbanded.

Both Henry Foy and Peter Sterling expressed the need for a Commission that “has teeth in it”.

Self-guided tour brochure

Both Peter Sterling and Sandra Owen mentioned to Bob Kearney that he did a great job on the brochure. Mr. Kearney mentioned sales are going well.

Adjournment

Shawn Leatherwood made a motion to adjourn. Bette Sprecher seconded. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 3:09.

Chairman Nikki Owens

Secretary Ginny Boyer