

REGULAR MEETING
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE
SEPTEMBER 1, 2010
WEDNESDAY, 2:00 PM
TOWN HALL, 9 SOUTH MAIN STREET

The Historic Preservation Commission held a regular meeting on Wednesday, September 1, 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 made a motion to accept the minutes of August 4th as presented. Shawn Leatherwood seconded and all were in favor.

Update on Hannah-Graham House with Melanie Verges

Intern Melanie Verges mentioned a foreclosure meeting of August 25th at which the owner was not present. The public auction for the property is scheduled for Wednesday September 15th at 9 am. Ms. Verges is ready to send the designation report to the western State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) in hopes that local landmark designation will be complete by the September 15th auction date. Chairman Owens wanted Commission members to be aware of the possibility of having to call a special meeting for the Historic Preservation Commission pertaining to the Hannah-Graham House designation process.

(Bette Sprecher recognized guest Michael Beadle, author of Images of America: Haywood County who was in the audience. Peter Sterling announced that Mr. Beadle will be heading up the task force to get pictures digitized at the Haywood County Public Library.)

Update on McIntosh Building

Melanie Verges read an email from Becca Johnson of the State Historic Preservation Office addressed to Paul Benson mentioning an incomplete report received. Chairman Owens asked that this item be tabled for further discussion until next meeting with hopes of gaining clarification from Mr. Benson.

Set up meeting/workshop on local designations for Love Lane & Spread Out

Ms. Verges has spoken with Becca Johnson at the State Historic Preservation Office about arranging a workshop for Spread Out and Love Lane residents for October. The Commission discussed reaching her once again to nail down one of the following dates: Thursday, October 7th at 6 pm, Friday October 8th at 6 pm or Sunday, October 10th at 2 pm. Commission members discussed whether or not to include both Love Lane residents and those residents in Spread Out. Bob Kearney moved that the public workshop be specifically for Love Lane residents. Bette Sprecher seconded and the motion passed.

Update on Spread Out's National Register nomination

Bette Sprecher mentioned having the Commission try to attend on September 15th at 6pm for the public meeting regarding the proposed Spread Out Historic District.

Update on Self-Guided Tour Brochure

Bob Kearney mentioned that in two months, \$1,037 was collected, 765 brochures had been distributed to potential sales outlets and 56 calls were made.

The Commission expressed an interest in selling the Self-Guided Tour Brochure at both the upcoming Church Street Art & Craft Show on September 9, 2010 and the Apple Harvest Festival of October 16th.

Guest Michael Beadle mentioned the local history table where his books will be offered for sale and his willingness to man the booth should the Historic Preservation Commission decide to offer the Self-Guided Brochure for sale there as well. Bette Sprecher saw this as a golden opportunity. Both she and Peter Sterling volunteered to man the booth along with Mr. Beadle.

Discuss goals of Commission and intent to gain regulatory status as opposed to advisory

Chairman Nikki Owens mentioned discussions hopefully continuing regarding the Commission's gaining "teeth" and wanted to table the agenda item until which time Paul Benson could be available for comment.

Bob Kearney asked that the minutes reflect the Commission's desire to have the attendance of Town Planner Paul Benson, mentioning his recent absences. While the Commission expressed thanks to Intern Melanie Verges, members expressed their desire to have Paul Benson present at future Historic Preservation Commission meetings.

In other business

Peter Sterling mentioned the Haywood Arts and Rep Theater (HART) will be hosting "Snapshot Project" which will be installed on the 17th of September. Peter Sterling mentioned Henry Foy as being indispensable in this endeavor.

Henry Foy inquired about the status of the Williamson House (Charles U. Miller House, 53 Walnut Street). Shawn Leatherwood explained that local landmark status had been removed.

Adjourn

Shawn Leatherwood made a motion to adjourn. Bette Sprecher seconded and all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 3:04pm.

Chairman Nikki Owens

Secretary Ginny Boyer