

REGULAR MEETING
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE
APRIL 6, 2011
WEDNESDAY, 2:00 PM

The Historic Preservation Commission held a regular meeting on Wednesday, April 6, 2011. Members present were Chairman Nikki Owens, Vice-Chairman Peter Sterling, Henry Foy, Shawn Leatherwood, Sandra Owen, Bette Sprecher and Ann Melton. Also present were Town Planner Paul Benson, Secretary Ginny Boyer and guest Shannon Morgan (owner of Hannah Graham House). The meeting was called to order at 2:07.

Approval of minutes

The following changes are to be made to the minutes of March 2, 2011:

- Under Approval of minutes, Sandra Owen *suggested* the following corrections to the minutes (rather than Sandra Owen *had* the following corrections to the minutes).
- Under Old Waynesville Hospital—Fitch Development Group, Sandra Owen mentioned the trees on the site as being memorial trees, planted for World War II veterans and people in the medical field, including Dr. Roberson (*father of* current Alderman for the Town of Waynesville).

Bette Sprecher made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2011 meeting as amended. Henry Foy seconded and all were in favor.

Hannah Graham House

Chairman Owens gave Shannon Morgan a packet of information on National Register including tax benefits. Mr. Morgan was encouraged to begin local landmark designation. A draft report, prepared by former Intern Melanie Verges, may be used to begin the process. Commission members had looked this over for editing purposes. Members expressed their delight in Mr. Morgan's purchasing the Hannah Graham House and invited him to come back to future meetings.

Old Waynesville Hospital

Peter Sterling mentioned this being a wonderful project, a "win win". The letter drafted by Paul Benson was discussed. Bette Sprecher moved, seconded by Shawn Leatherwood, to send the letter of support to Mr. Hollis Fitch of Fitch Development Group. All were in favor.

Peter Sterling mentioned this being good publicity if the public knew the HPC was in favor of support. Mr. Benson mentioned talking to Vicki Hyatt of the Mountaineer.

Election of Officers

Every April the Historic Preservation Commission must elect a Chairman and Vice-Chairman. Bette Sprecher made a motion to elect current Chairman Nikki Owens and current Vice-Chairman Peter Sterling for another term. All were in favor.

Other Business

Interns-- Peter Sterling hoped that as interns help in the future the main concern would lie in the work schedule and specific projects, not whether they are paid or not. Paul Benson said he would speak with Town Manager Lee Galloway about possible funding for Interns.

Walking Tour Brochure-- Bob Kearney did not attend the meeting but provided a handout in regard to sales and distribution of the Walking Tour Brochure. Bette Sprecher's concern was that the brochures were not in one central location, but three different places. Paul Benson said the brochures could be picked up and delivered to Town Hall for storage.

Sandra Owen volunteered to call Bob Kearney and ask questions about the Walking Tour Brochure. Bette Sprecher supported this and nominated Sandra to be the liaison with Bob Kearney.

Historic Preservation Commission's Rules of Procedure-- Paul Benson passed out current copies of the Historic Preservation Commission's Rules of Procedure for review before the May meeting.

The Strand/Snapshot Project-- Commission members discussed contacting Richard Miller, owner of the Strand Theater on Main Street to remove materials covering the façade of the building. Peter Sterling volunteered to contact Mr. Miller regarding this and the possibility of moving Snapshot Project to this location for display.

Statement of Purpose-- Henry Foy asked Vice-Chairman Peter Sterling to frame a statement of purpose for the HPC. After some discussion it was decided that Peter Sterling, Henry Foy and Nikki Owens will frame the statement of purpose for the Historic Preservation Commission.

Adjournment

With no further business, Shawn Leatherwood moved, seconded by Bette Sprecher, to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor.

Ginny Boyer, Secretary

Nikki Owens, Chairman