

TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE

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REGULAR MEETING HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
16 SOUTH MAIN STREET

April 6, 2016

Members present:

Chairman Sandra Owen

Coley Bartholomew

Peter Sterling

Alex McKay

Bette Sprecher

JoAnna Swanson

Ann Melton

Glenn Duerr

Also present:

Development Services Director, Elizabeth Teague

Deputy Clerk, Eddie Ward

State Historic Preservation, Annie McDonald

WCU Master of Public Affairs Candidate, Emily Sisler

Absent:

Ron Sullivan

A. CALL TO ORDER:

1. Welcome and announcements

Chairman Owen called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm, and welcomed everyone. Ms. Elizabeth Teague, Development Services Director, announced that at the April 12, 2016 Town of Waynesville Board of Alderman meeting, Mr. Dan Pezzoni will present findings from the Green Hill Cemetery. The meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room located at 9 South Main Street.

Ms. Teague introduced Ms. Annie McDonald and Ms. Emily Sisler to the Commission. Ms. McDonald is with the state Historic Preservation Office, and Ms. Sisler is a Western Carolina University Masters of Public Affairs candidate. She is working with Ms. McDonald on her Capstone Project on Waynesville's study list of historical properties.

2. Adoption of Minutes

A motion was made by Commission Member Bette Sprecher, seconded by Commission Member Alex McKay, to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2016 meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

B. BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. Report from WCU Capstone Projects related to Historic Preservation:

A. Coley Bartholomew on economic impacts

Ms. Bartholomew presented her Capstone Project on The Value of Historic Preservation in the Town of Waynesville. She conducted interviews with several bed & breakfasts, businesses, and developers about the economic impact of historic landmarks, and products on each of their businesses. She relayed the results of her interviews, and recommendations to the Historic Commission which consisted of reaching out to business owners in the community to build better relationships.

Ms. Teague thanked Coley for her presentation. She expressed to the Commission that the economic development value of Historic Preservation helps the Commission to be able to support local businesses. She also said the Commission would benefit from a Facebook page or a link from the Town's Website in order for the public to learn about what the Commission does, and about planned events for the Commission.

The Commission was very interested in the recommendations from business owners, and there was much discussion about the ideas that Ms. Bartholomew had presented. Several events were discussed that could be used as projects in the future.

B. Emily Sisler on study list and resources for property owners

Ms. Sisler stated her project involves developing a process to audit the North Carolina Study List of Historic properties. The properties are in "limbo" because they were once identified as possibly being eligible for the National Register, but not been formally nominated. Without an auditing process, resources that have been altered can no longer be eligible for nomination, but on paper they look like they are eligible. Fourteen resources have been identified in Waynesville to be on the study list. Ms. Sisler is researching these properties with photographs and other documentation, to evaluate the integrity, and analyze the significance of the recourse to see if there is still potential for nomination to the National Register.

Ms. Sisler is also creating a strategic outreach plan for educating community stakeholders about tax credits. This education will help the Historic Preservation Commission in reaching out to the community and being able to explain the process in obtaining the tax credits.

There was much discussion concerning the resources in Waynesville that are on the study list. Ms. Sisler said that information would be forwarded to Ms. Teague when she has completed her project.

The Commission Members thanked Ms. Sisler, and was very appreciative of her hard work on the project.

2. Report from Historic Commission Speaker Committee

- Preparation for April 7 event at Folkmoot Center

Commission Member Peter Sterling stated that these events are going very well, and this series is a time to make the community aware of what the Commission is about. He suggested that after the fourth event in May, the Commission needs to regroup and organize another Speaker Series for the fall.

This event will be held at the Folkmoot Center in Hazelwood. Ms. Enloe is handling the arrangements for the event, which includes the sound system and props. Everyone is excited and expecting a large crowd.

C. COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

1. Tour of Francis Mill scheduled for May 4, 2:00 p.m. Meet at Municipal Building at 1:40 p.m. if you would like to ride in Town van.

Ms. Owen said the Historic Preservation meeting for May will be held at the Francis Mill. Anyone wishing to ride in the Town van needs to meet at the Municipal Building at 1:40 pm.

2. CLG Training on April 15, 2016 Transylvania County Library in Brevard.

Ms. Teague asked the Commission Members if anyone would like to attend the training for Certified Local Government for Historic Commission. The training will be held from 9:00 – 5:00 on April 15, 2016 at the Transylvania County Library in Brevard. Ms. McDonald told the Commission that this training is required yearly, and one or two staff members need to attend. Chairman Owen and Commission Member Alex McKay said they would attend.

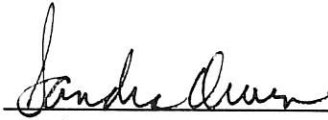
D. CALL ON THE AUDIENCE – No comments

E. **ADJOURN** – *The next meeting is scheduled for May 4, 2015, 2:00 p.m. at Francis Mill*

With no further business, Commission Member Bette Sprecher made a motion, seconded by Commission Member Glenn Duerr, to adjourn the meeting at 3:21 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.



Eddie Ward, Deputy Clerk



Sandra Owen, Chairman

April 6, 2016 minutes