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REGULAR MEETING

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE MUNICIPAL BUILDING

16 SOUTH MAIN STREET

May 3, 2017

Members Present:

Ann Melton
Glenn Duerr
Alex McKay
Bette Sprecher
Coley Bartholomew
Joanna Swanson
Ron Sullivan
Sandra Owen
Jeff Childers

Also Present:

Development Services Director, Elizabeth Teague
Land Use Administrator, Byron Hickox
Deputy Clerk, Eddie Ward
Administrative Assistant Jill Howell-Shook

A. CALL TO ORDER

1. Welcome and Announcements

Chairman Sandra Owen called the meeting called to order at 2:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

2. Adoption of Minutes of April 5, 2017

A motion was made by Commission Member Ron Sullivan, seconded by Commission Member Alex McKay, to adopt the minutes of the April 5, 2017 meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

B. COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

1. Report on the CLG training in Asheville on Friday, April 21, 2017

Chairman Owen asked Development Services Director Elizabeth Teague to report on the CLG training that Commission Members attended in Asheville on April 21, 2017. Ms. Teague stated that she and Commission Members Alex McKay, Jeff Childers, and Administrative Assistant Jill Howell-Shook attended the training. The training was presented by the State Historic Preservation Staff, and it gave an overall perspective about Historic Preservation, how it started and what the role of local government commissions are. Several municipalities were represented and Ms. Teague said she felt the training was very beneficial. She added that another training opportunity would be held on May 23rd at the North Carolina Arboretum. This training will be provided by the North Carolina School of Government, and pertains to Quasi-judicial procedures. Ms. Teague encouraged Commission Members to attend if possible.

Commission Member Alex McKay said he felt the training should be mandatory for Commission Members, and hoped that everyone would attend training whenever possible.

Ms. Teague gave an update on the National Register Application for Greenhill Cemetery. She said the application went through the state nominating committee with no comments. When the application went to the federal committee they had comments that need to be addressed about the nomination. The main concern was the inclusion of the Veteran's Cemetery. It was stated in the comments that clear justification for the artistic significance of the Veteran's Cemetery was not given. Ms. Teague said it was indicated that the Commission could follow one of two paths going forward with the application. One is the exclusion of the Veteran's Cemetery from the application, and then approving this section for a Local Landmark Designation at a later date. Another option for the Commission is to research and provide strengthening support for the artistic significance of the Veteran's Section in landscape architecture, and resubmit the entire application.

After much discussion the consensus of the Commission was to remove the Veteran's Cemetery section of the application.

A motion was made by Commission Member Glenn Duerr, seconded by Commission Member Joanna Swanson, to remove the Veterans Section of the National Register Application and at a later date pursue Local Landmark Designation for that section. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Introduction of new HPC member, Jeff Childers

Chairman Owen welcomed new Commission Member Jeff Childers and asked Mr. Childers to tell the Commission about himself. He said he moved to North Carolina from Tennessee in March with his wife and three girls. Mr. Childers is a Civil Engineer with the Blue Ridge Parkway and oversees construction, landscaping design, and governmental contracting. He said he is very interested in preserving structures and historic landscapes from the past and wants to teach his children to appreciate those structures as well.

Chairman Owen also acknowledged and welcomed Ms. Jill Howell-Shook, who is an Administrative Assistant with the Town of Waynesville.

C. BUSINESS ITEMS

1. The historic coloring book project

Commission Member Glenn Duerr has spoken with Ms. Kris Sylvester, a local graphic artist, about a prototype for the Historic Coloring Book. Hopefully by the next Commission meeting members will be able to see her work. At that time she will have cost estimates, and if approved, the Commission would like to begin distribution of the coloring books to schools and festivals in the late fall.

2. The Spread Out Historic District walking tour booklet

Commission Member Alex McKay has been forming a list of contributing properties for the booklet. He and Commission Member Ann Melton will be meeting on May 18th to decide on a path for the walking tour. They hope to have stories and pictures of structures along the historical path. Mr. Hickox volunteered to be the photographer and take pictures of the featured places. Ms. Melton and Mr. McKay want to make the tour very interesting and successful.

3. Historic Speaker Series

Chairman Owen announced that the fourth and last event of the 2017 Speaker Series would be held on May 4 at 4:00 pm in the Historic Courtroom of the Courthouse. It will be a panel discussion concerning the process of properties being placed on the National Register of Historic Places. The panel will consist of Glenn Duerr of the Windover Inn, Architect Shawn Leatherwood, and Development Services Director Elizabeth Teague. They will give information and answer questions for people who are interested in having their property placed on the National Register.

Commission Member Alex McKay reminded everyone that prior to the Speaker event, he will have his museum open to the public. The museum is located in the Historic Courthouse, and will be open from 2:00 – 4:00 pm.

D. CALL ON AUDIENCE

Commission Member Alex McKay told the Commission that there will be a reenactment of the Last Shot of the Civil War presented by the Thomas Legion at the Sulphur Springs Springhouse on Saturday May 20th, at 10:30 am. He said there will also be a flag ceremony at Greenhill Cemetery for the Confederate Veterans at 1:00 pm that same day.

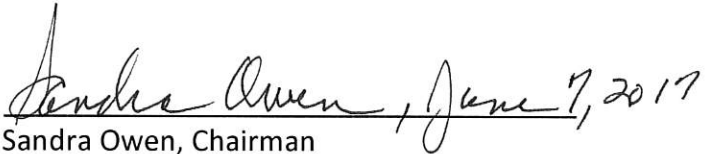
E. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commission Member Joanna Swanson, seconded by Commission Bette Sprecher, to adjourn the meeting at 2:46 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 7, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.



Eddie Ward, Deputy Clerk



Sandra Owen, Chairman