

TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE

Historic Preservation Commission

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REGULAR MEETING HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE MUNICIPAL BUILDING 16 SOUTH MAIN STREET August 02, 2017

Members Present:

Sandra Owen - Chairman
Alex McKay – Vice Chairman
Ann Melton
Glen Duerr
Jeff Childers

Absent:

Coley Bartholomew
Bette Sprecher

Also Present:

Development Services Director, Elizabeth Teague
Land Use Administrator, Byron Hickox
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 June 07, 2017

A motion was made by Board Member Alex McKay, seconded by Commission Member Ann Melton, to adopt the minutes of the June 07, 2017 meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

B. COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

1. 2017 Grant Project: Survey of African American-Associated Resources

Development Services Director, Elizabeth Teague, presented an awards letter stating that our application for a FY 2017 Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) grant to Certified Local Governments entitled Survey of African-American Resources has been selected for funding to focus on the Pigeon Street Community. Our grant award amount is \$6,000.00. It should be noted that an additional \$4000.00 was allocated in the FY 2018 budget.

A project coordinator from the state will make contact with Byron Hickox, Land Use Administrator, regarding the Grant Contract for the Town of Waynesville's project.

No grant activities may take place until the Grant Contract has been signed by a representative of the State Historic Preservation Office of the North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources. **The town must follow federal and state procurement procedures to select a project consultant.**

Stipulations are as follows:

- No activity may be performed by a project consultant until the town and the consultant have signed a two-party Project Description and Contract.
- The HPC will prepare the Project Description and Contract. The HPC will prepare the project description and contract, using an approved template, in consultation with the town and the consultant.
- TOW must submit a request for proposal for a consultant. Development Services Director, Elizabeth Teague, would like for the HPC to be involved in choosing a consultant

Due to federal deadlines for spending FY 2017 HPF funds, all project activities should be satisfactorily completed and approved final products should be submitted to the HPO by August 31, 2018. All requests for reimbursement of grant funds and the town's final accounting should be submitted to the HPO by September 14, 2018.

Various oral history components were discussed as possible projects for this grant:

- Recorded interviews of Parkway Displacements
- Panel Discussion on the Oral History of older African Americans
- Oral History Component: Interviews with older African Americans and to capture their disappearing stories
- Research on Dix Hill Cemetery, donated to African Americans: a lot of field stone graves

- Possible recorded interview with the Great Grand-daughter, of a slave, for Robert Love. She is from Arkansas and will be visiting Waynesville in August-September 2017.
- Ms. Ann Woodford, of Franklin, NC, will have a Gospel Event at Jones's Temple in the very near future. Traditional African-American Songs will be performed.

There will be numerous collaborations on this project. Development Services Director, Elizabeth Teague would like to everyone to work together for less confusion. The Great Smoky Mountains National Park and the Blue Ridge Parkway are both very interested in this project, due to the numerous displacements of African-Americans.

2. Certificate from the National Park Service

The Town of Waynesville was awarded a certificate by the National Park Service through the United States of the Interior for making a commitment to historic preservation on the local level through the Certified Local Government (CLG) program.

It is reported that 1,966 communities now participate in the CLG program. This is a significant milestone as it recognizes the 50th anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966.

The certificate is offered as a token of appreciation for the Town of Waynesville's contributions to the Federal preservation partnership. Contributions were made to preserve, protect and increase awareness of our unique cultural heritage.

C. BUSINESS ITEMS

1. The historic coloring book project

Software packages for black and white drawings were not only costly but proved to be terrible representations as well. Land Use Administrator, Byron Hickox, passed around images made by a software package.

Board Member Glenn Duerr spoke with Ms. Chris Sylvester, a local graphic artist. Chris did not want to "dumb" down the sketches. This simplifying would make the drawings less distinctive.

Coloring books will be made available to all 4th graders in the Waynesville area. Extra copies could be placed in the B&B's and also at street festivals. Other coloring book copies should go to the property owners included in the book.

Images decided on for the coloring book must be in multiples of four (4). Board Member, Ann Melton, liked the idea of having downtown Waynesville featured on the cover. A mural for the coloring book was also briefly discussed as well as a coloring contest for the book's cover.

The Board decided upon the idea of 16 images, 8.5" X11". The printing costs would be \$1,000.00 and the artist's commission would be \$1,200. Development Services Director, Elizabeth Teague, also has

some Planning money from the plaques as well as money from the sale of tour booklets that could be used to cover some of the printing costs.

Ultimately, Ms. Teague suggested a total of 20 pages for the coloring book: 16 images, and 4 pages for "Table of Contents," *Historic Preservation Commission information*, and a *History of Waynesville* page.

A motion was made by Board Member Ann Melton, seconded by Board Member Alex McKay, to commission the services of Kris Sylvester, a local graphic artist, for the coloring book project. This commission would render 16 images for a cost of \$1,200.00. The motion carried unanimously.

Board Member Glen Duerr suggested that colored pencils might be a good idea to be packaged with the coloring books. These coloring pencils could have a Town of Waynesville logo on them. The cost of including these colored pencils was briefly discussed.

The following suggestions could include some of the following historic structures:

- Old Courthouse
- Green Hill
- Mt. Olive Church
- Municipal Building
- Homes:
 - i. Way House
 - ii. Hannah Graham House (image)
 - iii. Stringfield House
 - iv. Woolsey Heights
 - v. Smathers House
 - vi. Shelton House
- View of Main Street
- Sulphur Springs Park (image)
- Historic Frog Level/Train
- Stain Glass Window – Old Baptist Church

Board Member Alex McKay will provide images of some of the listed historic structures.

Each drawing chosen for the coloring book will have 2-4 brief sentences about the structure. This information will be noted at the bottom of each page.

2. The Spread Out Historic District walking tour booklet

Board Members Alex McKay and Ann Melton reported on the tour booklet. Ms. Melton is continuing to write stories for the book.

They are working to complete the book first before deciding on the pictures for the booklet. The tour booklet will contain approximately 16 pages.

3. Greenhill Cemetery tour and grant update

Greenhill Cemetery did not get the Federal Grant this year, but the Cemetery is self-funded by the Board of Alderman. Development Services Director, Elizabeth Teague will contact Annie McDonald of the Western State Regional Office in the State Historic Office about the status of our Federal Grant. The Town had focused more on including veteran's funerary art and less on who was buried in the veteran's cemetery.

The HPC discussed the upcoming Greenhill Cemetery Tour in October. The following are possible actors for selected roles:

- Wells Greeley as Congressman Crawford
- Alex McKay as James Robert Love
- TBD for Congressman Crawford
- Rob Hites as Alden Howell, Sr.
- Mayor Gavin Brown as William Holland Thomas
- Dr. Leroy Robertson as Logan
- John Feichter as a Confederate Soldier
- Bette Sprecher as Mrs. Allen

All of the above roles and suggested role players will be contacted first before assigning characters. Other possible roles for Julia Freeman and others were discussed.

The dates for the Cemetery tour in 2017 are as follows:

October 14 – Church Street Fair

October 21 – Apple Harvest Festival

4. 2018 Speaker Series

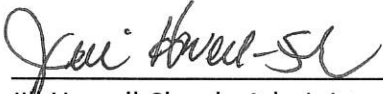
The following were suggestions for the 2018 Speaker Series:

- Alex McKay as James Robert Love
- Mayor Gavin Brown as William Holland Thomas
- African American Panel (video or recording)
- Pigeon Street – Oral History
- Sara Sloan – History of Sulphur Springs Hotel
- Development Services Director, Elizabeth Teague, will contact Thomas Woltz. Mr. Woltz is a landscape architect.

D. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Board Member Ann Melton, seconded by Board Member Glenn Duerr, to adjourn the meeting at 3:26 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 06, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.



Jill Howell-Shook, Administrative Assistant



Sandra Owen, Chairman