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AGENDA REGULAR MEETING

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 16 SOUTH MAIN STREET
JANUARY 3, 2018
WEDNESDAY, 2:00 PM**

A. CALL TO ORDER:

1. Welcome/Announcements
2. Adoption of Minutes
 - **Motion:** *Adopt December 6, 2017 meeting minutes as presented (or as corrected)*

B. BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. Resolution of Support for Greenhill Cemetery National Register Nomination
2. Resolution of Support for the Haywood County Hospital National Register Nomination
3. 2018 Speaker Series
4. Historic Coloring Book

C. CALL ON THE AUDIENCE

D. ADJOURN – *The next Meeting is scheduled for February 7, 2018 at 2:00 PM.*



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REGULAR MEETING HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE MUNICIPAL BUILDING Pigeon Community Multicultural Development Center December 06, 2017 – 2:00 PM

Members Present:

Sandra Owen - Chairman

Alex McKay – Vice Chairman

Ann Melton

Glen Duerr

Jeff Childers

William Revis

Coley Bartholomew

Bette Sprecher

Virgil Messer

Absent:

Also Present:

Ms. Lin Forney, Guest Speaker & Author

Ms. Ann Woodford, Guest Speaker & Author

Development Services Director, Elizabeth Teague

Land Use Administrator, Byron Hickox

Administrative Assistant Jill Howell-Shook

A. CALL TO ORDER

1. Tour of Exhibit

The Commission was given a tour of the exhibit, "When all God's Children Get Together: Celebrating the Lives and Music of African-Americans in Far Western North Carolina."

The exhibit displayed the African American History in Haywood County. This display was created by students in the History Department's 'Introduction to Museums and Historic Site Interpretation Course' during the Spring of 2016. The students were the creators of this project and were enrolled in the Public History program at Western Carolina University.

The online exhibit draws from materials collected by the Pigeon Community Multicultural Development Center. "Lift Every Voice," was an African-American Project, based in Haywood County, NC.

Two guest speakers and authors were present and both spoke to the Commission.

Ms. Lin Forney, author of Lift Every Voice, spoke first to the group. Ms. Forney gave an account of the history of the Pigeon Community Multicultural Development Center and of the services that it still provides to Haywood County. These services include After-School Programs, Youth Enrichment Programs and some Veteran Services. An emergency food pantry has also been set-up at the center. With year round operation, the center has shorter hours in the fall. The center is largely supported by grants and donations and has a yearly budget of \$75,000 - \$80,000. Ms. Forney is the only full-time staff person.

Ms. Forney's inspiration for her book was to gather stories from African-American Elders from all over the county. Information gathered included that of the oldest African-American, in the community, Mr. John Burnett. Information was also gathered from churches and educators about African-Americans lives and what they did in our community. It was hard to get some elders to talk about the pre-civil rights era and sometimes harder to gather their stories because of previous experiences: taking photographs and not giving any recognition to the elders. She also spoke of the displacement and sometimes attempted genocides.

Money from the sale of her book goes back into projects for gathering more information and putting these into print form.

At this point, Development Services Director, Elizabeth Teague, announced that the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) grant has been awarded to the Town of Waynesville, a certified local government, for 2017. The grant is entitled Survey of African-American Resources and has been selected for funding to focus on the Pigeon Street Community. A consultant will be appointed and the state will help pull together the information that is gathered. Ms. Teague suggested that the Pigeon Street Community Center and the Historic Preservation Commission combine their efforts for historic and architectural research.

Ms. Ann Woodford, author of When All God's Children Get Together spoke to the group as well. Ms. Woodford is from Andrews, NC but also has a background in Cummings, Georgia. Ms. Woodford spoke of attempted ethnic cleansings. Historic stories gathered included recordings of Ms. Woodford's Father, a historian.

Most of the information in Ms. Woodford's book comes from Cherokee County. She also talked about "sundown" towns and white caps. Churches and schools were often burned. Another topic spoken about was the Wilmington Insurrection and the Greenwood Black Wall Street.

Ms. Woodford added that white people should not feel guilty for what has happened in the past. She also added that racism hurts everyone. We should work to tear down barriers.

Ms. Teague thanked Ms. Forney and Ms. Woodford on behalf of the HPC and the Town of Waynesville for hosting the HPC and for sharing their experiences and research.

B. BUSINESS ITEMS

Chairman Sandra Owen called the formal meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

1. Adoption of Minutes of November 01, 2017.

A motion was made by Commission Member Virgil Messer, seconded by Commission Member William Revis, to adopt the minutes of the November 01, 2017 meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Adoption of Minutes of October 10, 2017, Special Meeting.

A motion was made by Commission Member Ann Melton, seconded by Commission Member Alex McKay, to adopt the minutes of the October 10, 2017 meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

3. 2018 Speaker Series

This Speaker Series will begin on February 01, 2018. The line-up for the 2018 Speaker Series was discussed and the tentative speakers are as follows:

February - Ms. Lin Forney – History of the Pigeon Street Community

March – Reverend Patrick Womack – Cataloochee Valley

April – Ms. Sara Sloan – History of the Sloan, Stringfield and Love Families

May – Vice Chairman, Alex McKay – Main Street

Ms. Owen spoke about the possibility of actors from the Cemetery Tour participating in the Speaker Series for 2019.

Commission Member Alex McKay, will send the written descriptions of the various historic structures needed to complete the Historic Coloring Book Project to Byron Hickox. Upon delivery of The Historic Coloring Books they will be given to fourth graders from Junaluska and Hazelwood schools.

Land Use Administrator, Byron Hickox, presented a location map that will be included in The Historic Coloring Book. This map will show the location of the Waynesville Historic Structures.

D. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Board Member Ann Melton, seconded by Board Member William Revis, to adjourn the meeting at 3:55 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 03, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

Jill Howell-Shook, Administrative Assistant

Sandra Owen, Chairman



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RESOLUTION BY THE TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION SUPPORTING THE NOMINATION OF GREENHILL CEMETERY TO THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

Whereas, the Town of Waynesville Historic Preservation Commission is tasked with identifying and preserving the historic resources of Waynesville and with promoting public understanding and appreciation of those resources; and

Whereas, Greenhill Cemetery is serves as the interment site for several historically significant individuals and is an important candidate for continued preservation; and

Whereas, Greenhill Cemetery contains several artistically and historically significant pieces of funerary art; and

Whereas, designation as a historic property on The National Register of Historic Places would provide valuable additional protections for Greenhill Cemetery.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Town of Waynesville Historic Preservation Commission fully and enthusiastically supports the nomination of Greenhill Cemetery to The National Register of Historic Places.

Adopted this 3rd day of January, 2018.

Sandra Owen, Chairman

Jill Howell-Shook, Clerk to the HPC



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RESOLUTION BY THE TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION SUPPORTING THE NOMINATION OF THE HAYWOOD COUNTY HOSPITAL TO THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

Whereas, the Town of Waynesville Historic Preservation Commission is tasked with identifying and preserving the historic resources of Waynesville and with promoting public understanding and appreciation of those resources; and

Whereas, the Haywood County Hospital is an excellent example of Waynesville's early architecture and a significant feature in Waynesville's history, and therefore an important candidate for continued preservation; and

Whereas, designation as a historic property on The National Register of Historic Places would provide valuable additional protections for the Haywood County Hospital.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Town of Waynesville Historic Preservation Commission fully and enthusiastically supports the nomination of the Haywood County Hospital to The National Register of Historic Places.

Adopted this 3rd day of January, 2018.

Sandra Owen, Chairman

Jill Howell-Shook, Clerk to the HPC