

JACKSON COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES

Date: August 13th, 2019								
Time Begin: 5:00 pm								
Time End: 6:06 pm								
Location: Jackson County Public Library, Genealogy Study Room								
Members	Present	Absent		Present	Absent		Present	Absent
Daniel Peoples		X	Jane Eastman	X		Carl Iobst		X
Susan Leveille	X		Joe Rhinehart		X	Beth Parris		X
Connie Haire		X	Luther Jones	X				
Bill Crawford	X		Pam Meister	X				

Others Present:

Caroline LaFrienier, Planner II
 Allison Kelley, Administrative Assistant

Call to Order and Quorum Check

The meeting began at 5:00 p.m. and a quorum was not present.

Public Comment (3 minutes per speaker)

There were no public comments.

Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was not approved as a quorum was not present.

Approval of the Minutes

The minutes from July 16th, 2019 were not approved as a quorum was not present.

Informal Discussion

a) Greening Up the Mountains Discussion

Caroline LaFrienier updated the Commissioners they had discussed to have a separate scavenger hunt for children. She presented material of potential children scavenger hunt ideas, and asked for feedback. The ideas were simpler to encourage children to look around (find red bricks, picket fence, arched window, etc.)

Pam Meister inquired if they could incorporate the items from the list with an architectural element such as an arched window and picket fence. In addition, she stated to include the court house dome as an architectural feature. Jane Eastman suggested to add the lady justice statute and road related things such as a cross walk.

Luther Jones stated the children must mark off all of the scavenger hunt items to receive the prize and they need to ensure there are not items on the list where there are multiples (traffic light, etc.) Ms. Meister inquired how they would document finding the items from the scavenger hunt. Ms. Eastman suggested having a map and the children could mark where they found each item.

Ms. LaFrienier stated the Commissioners decided to have the children scavenger hunt have candy as a prize and the adult scavenger hunt prize would be a puzzle with a historic picture.

Mr. Jones stated he believed having a separate scavenger hunt would help encourage parents to assist and be involved finding the items with their children. Ms. Meister stated she would run an experience with her coworker's children to see if the scavenger hunt would be a success. Mr. Jones stated he believed it was important to include the police station as an education aspect for the children.

Ms. LaFrienier revisited the Commissions discussion having a coloring page and/or coloring book. She stated they needed to work ahead if they want an art class to draw the pictures. Ms. Meister stated they should keep the coloring page with a historic building in the county as the children enjoyed the library coloring page. Mr. Jones suggested to see if any students in the design department at Western Carolina University (WCU) would be interested in creating the drawing of a historic building. In addition, he stated staff could trace its own line drawing instead of finding an artist. Ms. LaFrienier inquired if they want to focus on one coloring page or a booklet. The Commissioners decided to focus on one building and to consider the Hooper house.

Ms. LaFrienier asked if they want to continue with the "Then and Now" photos of historic buildings in Downtown Sylva or highlight a different part of the county and feature post offices or schools. Mr. Crawford informed the Commissioners there were four post offices in the Town of Sylva while he has been a resident. The Commissioners directed staff to be researching post offices and schools in the county.

The Commissioners discussed the puzzle prize picture, and Mr. Jones mentioned to consider the court house as they are countywide Commission. In addition, he suggested to include a picture of the swinging bridge in the tent. Ms. Leveille suggest to add a "Then and Now" photo of the swimming pool.

In addition, the Commissioners discussed advertising the event by creating a Facebook event two weeks prior to the festival, handout fliers' or bookmarks downtown, and advertise in the Sylva Herald. Ms. Leveille suggested to determine if the Sylva Herald would include a photo with a story about the building. Ms. Meister suggested including an open ended question on Facebook asking the community to vote on their favorite historic building in Jackson County.

Mr. Crawford stated it would be interesting to have a comparison of what you could buy in downtown "Then and Now". Mr. Jones stated he had a five dollar coupon book from Sylva Supply Store that may be useful for the event.

b) Updates

Ms. LaFrienier stated Commissioner Gayle Woody is in the process of forming a committee for the celebration for the 100th Anniversary of Women's Suffrage. She stated Ms. Woody intends to have parade with authentic period clothing, and is considering working with WCU on a traveling play. These events would occur in August 2020, and she will be sitting on the committee, and the Commission would be a part of the process to help create the logos for these events.


c) Meeting Date

The Commissioners discussed and moved the meeting time to 5:15 p.m. to accommodate the change in fall school schedule for Ms. Eastman.


Adjournment:

With no further business, Luther Jones made a motion to adjourn at 6:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:


Allison Kelley, Administrative Assistant

Approved by:


Susan Leveille, Chair