

JACKSON COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES

Date: September 18, 2018								
Time Begin: 5:37 pm								
Time End: 6:08 pm								
Location: Conference Room at Jackson County Public Library								
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 Edmonds, Planner I
 Allison Kelley, Administrative Assistant

Call to Order and Quorum Check

Caroline Edmonds called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m. and a quorum was present.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Approval of the Agenda

Jane Eastman made a motion to approve the agenda. Connie Haire seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Jane Eastman made a motion to approve the minutes from August 21st, 2018. Connie Haire seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Old Business:

a. HPC Interview Project-Interview Questions

Caroline Edmonds informed the Commission that the consent form for the HPC Interview Project was approved at the previous meeting. The interview questions were emailed to the Commission before the meeting to allow them to bring additional questions. Jane Eastman said the Commission should include questions regarding churches, such as the number of people in their congregation and what a typical Sunday was like.

Pam Meister stated to include how interviewees chose their line of work. She stated there are many stories of individuals leaving Jackson County and coming back. The Commission should include a question regarding if the individual has always lived in Jackson County, or how they decided to move back. Jane Eastman mentioned adding a question regarding the size of their family, the number of their siblings, and the number of extended family.

With no further questions to add, Caroline Edmonds asked the Commission to name the individuals to interview first from the interviewee list. Pam Meister stated from a previous meeting the Commission had decided to interview the elderly individuals first from the list. The Commission decided to ask Mary Shook Davis first, followed by Sally Mae Campbell, Ruth Crawford, and Roger

Shelton to be interviewed. The Commission will contact the individuals on the list for a potential interview and connect them with the Planning Department to set up a time and place.

Joe Rhinehart stated Ruth Crawford lives at a nursing home, she is 95 years old and has a lot to share. She wrote a book called *The Story of Cinder* regarding her childhood memories of living by a railroad track and her special relationship with her first doll. Her childhood home did not have a road that led to the Barkers Creek community. Currently, there is a developed road, and her childhood house still exists.

Connie Haire inquired whom will be conducting the interviews. Caroline Edmonds stated she would do the interviews unless the individual prefers to be interviewed by someone they know. Ms. Edmonds asked the Commission to contact those individuals to schedule interviews. She stated she has the equipment to conduct the interviews and the YouTube page is set up.

Connie Haire inquired if WCU had a class on oral history that might be interested in helping. Pam Meister states professors have their syllabus completed before the start of the semester. She stated for a large project she goes to the department head and provides information on the project. She asks them to share with their faculty members, and those interested to please contact her with any questions.

Joe Rhinehart stated Doris Dills Beck's father was the last generation of the Dills family, and his other siblings are much older. He believes it was her uncle that was the founder of Dillsboro. Ms. Beck has a lot of knowledge on Dillsboro and can offer an insightful interview. Bill Crawford mentioned he believes Ms. Beck has a sister that is at least 100 years old that lives in Tuckasegee.

Pam Meister states she will reach out to Mary Sue Casey, her maiden name is Victoria. She was a teacher of math and physical education in Cherokee and was an award winning teacher. She is involved in a lot of interesting activities, and is very active in the church. She was a part of the team for the *When All God's Children Get Together* exhibit and has told some interesting stories of being an African American teacher in Cherokee schools, and her relationship with the Cherokee students.

The Commission decided to reach out to those they knew from the list of potential interviewees to reach out to facilitate an interview. Caroline Edmonds informed the Commission she will be working on a Facebook post of adaptive reuse of a building for the next meeting.

b. Informal Discussion


Connie Haire informed the Commission of an event occurring on October 12th, 2018 at 5-7 p.m. located at the Castle Building at Camp Merrie-Woode. Camp Merrie-Woode is celebrating its 100th anniversary. The key note speaker is Myrick Howard the Preservation NC President as well as a reception of recognition. The price of tickets includes \$10 for members of the Historical Society and \$15 for general admission. Hors d'Oeuvres will be served by The Orchard of Cashiers as well as wine from Highlands Wine Shoppe.

Joe Rhinehart informed the Commission that on Saturday, September 29th, 2018 is Mountain Heritage Day at WCU and the Historical Society will have a tent and program at 10:00 a.m. Last year their program was on the book "*When All God's Children Get Together.*" Another program was on the flood of 1940 that wiped out every Jackson County bridge crossing the main body of the Tuckasegee River. He stated Paul Hall was a teacher at WCU when the flood occurred. Mr. Rhinehart went to visit Mr. Hall in Asheville to interview him about his memories of being stranded at WCU from the flood. Mr. Rhinehart has a tape recording of the interview which contains the last words of Mr. Hall due to his passing within three days after the interview. This year the Historical Society program at Mountain Heritage Day is the properties on the National Register. The program will make the public aware of the many obstacles to get a house or property listed on the register. Pictures of all the properties on the register will be displayed, and a handout will be provided of a blank map of Jackson County to allow individuals to write in where the properties are located. In addition, various handouts of Cashiers, Webster and Sylva will be provided.

Adjournment:

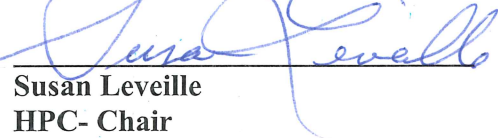
With no further business, Carl Iobst made a motion to adjourn. Pam Meister seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:



Allison Kelley
Planning Administrative Assistant

Approved by:



Susan Leveille
HPC- Chair