

JACKSON COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES

Date: December 18, 2018								
Time Begin: 5:34 pm								
Time End: 6:17 pm								
Location: Conference Room at Jackson County Public Library								
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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 5:34 p.m. and a quorum was present.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Approval of the Agenda

Caroline Edmonds requested to add "Updates" under "New Business" as letter 5d to the Agenda. Jane Eastman made a motion to add letter 5d to the Agenda. Connie Haire seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Luther Jones made a motion to approve the May 15th, June 19th, September 18th, October 16th, and November 20th, 2018 meeting minutes. Pam Meister seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

New Business

a) Webster Presentation

Caroline Edmonds informed the Commission she was contacted by Ms. Danell Moses from Webster. She stated Ms. Moses had photos given to her that she would like to present to the Commission during a regular meeting.

b) Adaptive reuse of building

Caroline Edmonds informed the Commission she will be putting up pictures of the first adaptive reuse building she has researched, the Hooper House, on the Historic Preservation Commission Facebook page. Ms. Edmonds asked the Commissioners for input on the next adaptive reuse building to research.

Connie Haire suggested the CJ Harris Building, and Chairman Leveille added that building was Sylva Supply when she was growing up. In addition, Ms. Haire stated she was unsure if Guadalupe Cafe is an adaptive reuse but it was Hooper's Drug Store and a Snack Bar. Ms. Haire stated she believes the café still has the original bar stools and counter inside.

Chairman Leveille stated the building Mad Batter now occupies was a Movie Theater and Pool Hall. Pam Meister stated the building Sassy Frass resides was a furniture store, and

Chairman Leveille added prior to that it was Bowers Department Store. Ms. Meister stated one of the more unique adaptive building reuse is the building Fusions Spa occupies was a funeral home. Bill Crawford stated Hollifield Jewelers was a previous Shoe Store. Ms. Haire mentioned Sundog Offices located next to the funeral home was the Post Office.

Luther Jones inquired if the Gary Millers Office building at the intersection of Highway 107 and the Asheville Highway was originally an attorney's office. Chairman Leveille stated it was Ensley's general market store. Mr. Crawford stated the building was built by John Bowen Ensley and he sold it to his cousin William Ensley. William, his son Earl, and brother Shirley operated the store for many years. Mr. Crawford stated Earl Ensley's son-in-law, Harold Potts relocated the store to the building Kel-Save Drug store exists today. He stated the Ensley's store was much like a farmer's federation, for those who did not have any money could exchange a bushel of potatoes, meat, etc. for what they needed. Mr. Jones stated the building will be lost due to the new road of Highway 107 and urged staff to take pictures before it is demolished.

Bill Crawford stated another potential adaptive reuse is the building across the street from Bogarts was the first power saw shop that sold chainsaws. Chairman Leveille stated in Dillsboro, the Harris House has been repurposed. In addition, she believes Tunnel Mountain Crafts was The Mica Office. Ms. Haire stated the Debnam Real Estate Office was a Moody property. Chairman Leveille added she believed it was the home of Moody's grandmother or another relative. Ms. Leveille stated another potential adaptive reuse is Haywood Smokehouse, it was a Perry Sutton's Tire Shop. Mr. Crawford added before the tire shop it was a Post Office.

Mr. Jones stated a Post Office was in the bottom of Mckee building at Western Carolina University and there is still an existing flag pole outside of the building. The Commissioners suggested doing a feature on Post Offices. Mr. Crawford stated Jackson County is famous for having the smallest Post Office off of Highway 107 in the United States.

Ms. Edmonds stated she will start researching Gary Millers Office to document the building before the new road construction begins. Ms. Haire inquired if there was any historic buildings in the projected new road of Highway 107 that should be captured before it is lost from construction. Ms. Edmonds stated the Planning Department has those plans and would bring it in during a work session meeting.

c) HPC Interview Project

Caroline Edmonds asked the Commissioners for direction on the Interview Project. She inquired if the Commissioners would like to start doing interviews this winter or plan to revisit in the spring. The Commissioners decided to start interviews this winter to capture the elderly interviewees. Chairman Leveille stated during the interview they should ask questions about the Paper Mill as it changed the culture of Jackson County in how people made a living.

Ms. Edmonds asked the Commissioners to reach out to their interviewees and to let her know if there is anything she can help with besides showing up with the equipment.

d) Updates

Ms. Edmonds stated included in the meeting packets is the 2019 schedule. She stated the Commission needs to schedule a work session meeting to discuss if they want to participate in Greening Up The Mountains, and Mountain Heritage Day to allow time to plan and schedule space. Ms. Edmonds stated in the HPC comprehensive Land Use Plan the Commission developed goals to accomplish. She stated this year the Commission will review and develop a list of all of the endangered buildings in Jackson County. Ms. Edmonds asked

the Commissioners to schedule a work session meeting to discuss the meeting schedule and endangered buildings. The Commissioners unanimously agreed to cancel the regular scheduled meeting on January 15th, 2019 due to Ms. Edmonds being out of town. The Historic Preservation Commission will hold a work session meeting on Tuesday, January 22nd, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

Adjournment:

With no further business, Luther Jones made a motion to adjourn. Connie Haire seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:



Administrative Assistant

Approved by:



Susan Leveille, Chair