

JACKSON COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES

Date: February 16, 2021

Time Begin: 5:21 pm

Time End: 5:53 pm

Location: Jackson County Public Library, Community 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:

Michael Poston, Planning Director

Allison Kelley, Administrative Assistant

Dan Pezzoni, Landmark Preservation Associates

Annie McDonald, Preservation Specialist for the NC State Historic Preservation Office (NC HPO)

Call to Order and Quorum Check

Mr. Poston called the meeting to order at 5:21 p.m. and a quorum was not present.

Approval of the Agenda

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

Approval of the Minutes

The minutes from December 15, 2020 was not approved as a quorum was not present.

Public Comment (3 minutes per speaker)

There were no public comments.

New Business

a) Architectural Survey of Historic Resources

Dan Pezzoni presented his final report for the Jackson County Architectural Survey Update of Historic Resources of approximately 200 resources from 1945-1975. The survey was completed in two phases, which focused on towns in the summer and rural areas in the fall of 2020. During field research, Mr. Pezzoni determined a lack of historic resources that date pre-1945 in the Balsam and Sylva areas that was not captured in the previous historic survey that appeared to have historic district potential. After consultation with the county and NC HPO it was determined to extend the survey for certain circumstances to cover the specific areas that date pre-1945.

Mr. Pezzoni stated four individual resources and two potential historic districts were identified upon completion of the survey. The National Register Advisory Committee (NRAC) met on February 11, 2021 and approved placement of the six total resources on the NC Study List as follows:

1. William and Margaret Lee House (JK1007)
2. Rolling Green Motel (JK0872)
3. Alvin and Mary Stiles House (JK0895)

4. Luke and Nat Rindal House (JK1081)
5. Upper Balsam Historic District (JK1095)
6. Harris Hills Historic District (JK1067)

In addition, Mr. Pezzoni stated the following are other historic resources that may warrant Study List consideration with additional research and/or survey. Some on the properties do not meet the 50-year age requirement but will soon. The following is a list of potential Study List candidates:

1. Jackson County Industries Building (JK0875)
2. Cordelia Camp Laboratory School (JK0879)
3. Freeze House (JK0886)
4. Hoyt Roberson Hardware Store (JK0901)
5. Robo-Wash Carwash (JK0902)
6. Fairview School (JK0911)
7. Roy and Geneva Kirchberg House (JK0928)
8. House, 1483 South Country Club Drive, Forest Hills (JK0937)
9. House, 927 South Country Club Drive, Forest Hills (JK0948)
10. J. Byers and Charlotte Hays House (JK0958)
11. Oaks Hall, Southwestern Community College (JK0961)
12. Cashiers United Methodist Church (JK0969)
13. Telfer Building (JK0975)
14. Saint Jude Catholic Church (JK0978)
15. Straddlebrook (JK0986)
16. Scotts Creek Elementary School (former) (JK0995)
17. Walter Bradley Packing Company (JK1002)
18. Woodland Restaurant (JK1004)
19. Wirth and Mary Munroe House (JK1018)
20. House, 473 Fisher Creek Road, Sylva vicinity (JK1027)
21. Blue Ridge Glen (JK1045)
22. Ross and Martha Parkhill House (JK1056)
23. Rees House (JK1059)
24. Gee-Wilkins (JK1076)
25. Bingham House (JK1079)
26. Billie and Helen Baggett House (JK1080)

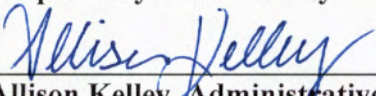
Anna McDonald stated the NC HPO has not had many surveys conducted in the far western counties. Ms. McDonald commended Jackson County for funding this project, providing support and guidance for Mr. Pezzoni while conducting this survey. In addition, she stated there is far more areas and properties to survey to understand the development history in all areas of the county.

Ms. McDonald stated the Commission moving forward might consider evaluating the priorities for Local Designation as the county has plenty of established resources that are locally designated by ordinance, which the Commission has the authority to review. In addition, the Commission should consider contacting property owners of the areas that were identified in the Study List to determine if they are interested in preservation or a federal income tax credit of 50% for rehabilitation of the structures. The Commission should also consider National Register Historic District status for the individual properties or historic districts listed on the Study List.

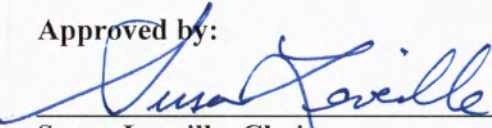
Adjournment:

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:


Allison Kelley, Administrative Assistant

Approved by:


Susan Leveille, Chair