

JACKSON COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES

Date: November 28, 2023								
Time Begin: 5:25 pm								
Time End: 5:45 pm								
Location: Jackson County Public Library, Genealogy Study Room								
Members	Present	Absent		Present	Absent		Present	Absent
Susan Leveille		X	Jane Eastman		X	Michael Moore	X	
Bill Crawford		X	Luther Jones	X		<i>Vacant</i>		
Brandon Core	X		Pam Meister	X				
Celeste Pratt		X	Beth Parris	X				

Staff Present:

Anna Harkins, Planner I
 Allison Kelley, Administrative Assistant III

Others Present:

Eddie Johnson, Historic Preservation Intern

Call to Order and Quorum Check

Allison Kelley called the meeting to order at 5:25 p.m. and a quorum was not present.

Approval of the Agenda

A quorum was not present to approve the agenda.

Approval of the Minutes

A quorum was not present to approve the minutes from September 19th and October 17th, 2023.

Public Comment (3 minutes per speaker)

- Brandon Core stated the Webster Historical Society is doing caroling starting at the Methodist Church on December 16th at 6:00 p.m.

Informal Discussion

a) Historic Preservation Intern: StoryMap Presentation

Anna Harkins stated Eddie Johnson is the first intern the Historic Preservation Commission has had and the StoryMap is the first project that has been completed. In addition, she stated she hopes to have more interns in the future through WCU, and if Mr. Core and Ms. Parris are interested in discussing prospective interns for next semester with the Town of Webster and Town of Dillsboro, in conjunction with Commission to let her know.

Mr. Johnson presented the StoryMap of the historic upper campus of WCU. The StoryMap includes location markers of the buildings, pictures, and information and fun facts. He stated he included the fact and recognized the history that the Cherokee people have with the land for hundreds of years that WCU was built on, and included a picture of the wi sculpture that was produced by a WCU fine arts students. He also included information that the area become inhabited with farmers that took advantage of the open space after the forceful departure of the Cherokee people.

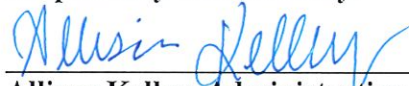
The Cullowhee Academy and Cullowhee High School (1889-1891), (1891-1905) included the buildings The Cullowhee Academy, Music and Art Building, and "Old" Madison. The Cullowhee Normal and Industrial School (1905-1925) included the buildings Davies Hall, Joyner, The Steam Plant, The Training School, Moore, and "Uncle" Dave Rogers House. Cullowhee State and Normal School (1925-1929) included the buildings the African Episcopal Zion Church, Cullowhee Baptist Church and Cemetery. Western Carolina Teachers College (1929-1953) included the buildings Robertson, Breese Gymnasium, Student Union Building, McKee, University Auditorium, Madison, Graham Infirmary, and Memorial Stadium. Western Carolina College (1953-1967) included the buildings Boodleville, Stillwell Science Building, Hunter Library, Reynolds, Buchanan, Bird, Brown, Western Carolina Baptist Student Fellowship/HOMEBASE, and Albright and Benton. Western Carolina University (1967-Present) included the buildings the Natural Sciences Building, Mountain Heritage Center at the Hunter Library, and Tom Apodaca Science Building. In addition, he added a slider that shows the growth of WCU's campus from 1953 to 2019. In addition, he added a slider that shows the growth of WCU's campus from 1953 to 2019. The aerial map from 1953 you can see a lot of farmland and can see how much the school has expanded looking at the aerial map from 2019. Mr. Johnson stated the StoryMap would be published on the Historic Preservation Commission Facebook page, the Planning Department Facebook and website, and be posted on the Jackson County GIS Department page as an added feature.

Ms. Harkins stated Mr. Johnson has also worked on creating Facebook posts for the Historic Preservation Commission's Facebook page on Western Carolina University history that had more information on a few of the buildings. She stated they have already posted three out of the five postings on Facebook and have been getting a lot of great interaction and many people seem to be excited with what we are doing.

Adjournment:

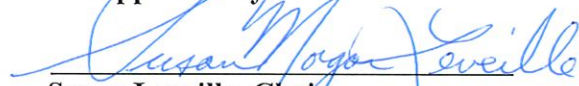
With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:



Allison Kelley, Administrative Assistant

Approved by:



Susan Leveille, Chair