

Montevallo Historic Preservation Commission

February 7, 2019

Minutes

Members present: W. Glosson, H. G. McGaughy, M. Nix and S. Vallides

Members absent: K. Dukes, M. Walker

Guests: Mayor Cost, Susan Godwin, Marshall Goggins, N. Wilstach

Meeting site: Parnell Library

Meeting was called to order at 3:04 p.m. Meeting presided by Janice Seaman

Old Business

The minutes from the October 8, 2018 meeting were read. S. Vallides made a motion to accept minutes as presented; M. Nix seconded; motion passed.

The minutes from the December 18, 2018 meeting were read. S. Vallides made a motion to accept minutes as presented; H. G. McGaughy seconded; motion passed.

The minutes from the January 22, 2019 meeting were read. S. Vallides made a motion to accept minutes as presented; W. Glosson seconded; motion passed.

The minutes from the January 29, 2019 meeting were read. W. Glosson made a motion to accept minutes as presented; S. Vallides seconded; motion passed.

Perry/Mahler House MOU Update: Mayor Cost has sent the agreement to the Finance Committee for review.

Perry/Mahler House Update: J. Seaman spoke with David Schneider regarding update on filing for National Historic Register nomination for the home. D. Schneider spoke with Collier Neeley, National Register Coordinator at The Alabama Historic Commission, about the details of our filing. Mr. Neeley stated that, because all of the old barns and out buildings on the property were demolished, there will be problems with the filing. Mr. Neeley told Mr. Schneider that the property would have been easily accepted as a Historical Farm if the torn down buildings were still standing on the property. The 1940's renovation of the home still might be sufficient to qualify as a National Registered building. D. Schneider is still diligently working with the Alabama Historic Commission to gain status for the property.

EJI Update: S. Vallides reported that she received emails from Kathy King and Matt Walker regarding the EJI monument proposal. She stated that the group would like to come and present their information to the commission at our next meeting. S. Vallides stated that she informed K. King that we would be delighted to have her come to make a presentation at our March 5th meeting. The Commission made note of the addition of guests at our regularly scheduled March meeting.

CLG Report Update: S. Vallides reported that, other than one correction, the report that H. Lehman prepared was valid. After the correction was made, S. Vallides signed off on the report so it could be sent to AHC.

New Business

Membership: As of this date, we have five members. State and local ordinance gives the commission seven members. This leaves the MHPC with two vacancies.

While reviewing bylaws, M. Nix reported that the current MHPC bylaws state we have nine members. Since it is time for a yearly review of the bylaws, she stated that we should make the correction to be consistent with State and local ordinances and that she will prepare a draft of corrected bylaws to be reviewed at our March meeting. The subject was open for discussion to the membership.

The Commission discussed possible candidates for open positions. W. Glosson mentioned Bill Lee as a possibility. M. Nix mentioned that Cairisti Britton Pickett had expressed interest in becoming involved in the commission if we ever had a vacancy.

M. Nix also suggested that an Article or Section be added to the bylaws to address excessive absenteeism and dismissal. She stated that the MHPC is having trouble with appointed members not reporting for regularly scheduled meetings. Other city boards and state ordinances contain wording that pertains to dismissal due to excessive absences and it seems that most consider three or more consecutive absences as excessive and five absences within a calendar year as reason for dismissal. She also stated that, with all that the commission has on its plate right now, we need members who are properly informed of Commission projects, engaged enough to report to meetings and be willing to attend City Council Meetings to stay informed of City commerce. In the past, there have been too many instances when the Commission has been without a quorum because members aren't attending meetings and the absent members are not informing others of their absence in advance. This matter really needs to be addressed in a more formal and serious manner. Membership discussed adding absenteeism wordage to the draft for next month. W. Glosson made the motion that the MHPC bylaws be corrected to show membership consistent with State and City ordinances and to be structured in line with other city Boards; S. Vallides seconded; motion passed.

A motion to adjourn was made by S. Vallides, W. Glosson seconded; motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 3:34 p.m.