

Montevallo Historic Preservation Commission

Tuesday, April 13, 2021

6:30 p.m.

City of Montevallo Council Chambers

MINUTES

Members present: J. Jones, V. Johnson, G. Reece, J. Lutz, J. Seaman and A. Sims.

Guest present: Mayor Rusty Nix, Bobby Pierson

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Old Business:

The January 12, meeting minutes were read and J. Lutz made a motion to accept, G. Reece seconded; motion passed.

The creation of an African American Heritage Trail in Montevallo was proposed a few years earlier and approved by the former mayor. Chair Jones distributed historical trail information to the commission. The plan is to begin the trail at Montevallo Middle School, the former Montevallo Negro High School, later known as Prentice High School. The second site on the trail will be Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, and the third site is Ward's Chapel A.M.E. Church. It is proposed that the sites are marked by semi-permanent signage at a cost of approximately \$1,000 each. An anonymous donor has agreed to cover the cost of the signage. Justin Lutz volunteered to work with UM graphic artist professor Dr. Min Sun Lee to design the signage.

Kathy King and Anita Sims will research Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church history, baptismal records and photos.

Visitor Bobby Pierson suggested looking into naming the gymnasium at Montevallo Middle School "Prentice Activity Center," in honor of the school's history.

Oral History Project: Item not discussed.

New Business:

Mayor Rusty Nix suggested the commission assist with completing the Mahler House Project. He will meet with Chair Jones to discuss how the commission can assist.

New member introductions: Janice Seaman was introduced as the newest member of the commission.

Cemetery Project: V. Johnson presented the Cemetery Project to the commission. It will be uploaded to the city website when completed.

Janice Seaman will look into getting the Powell Cemetery at Orr Park deeded to the City of Montevallo.

Alabama Historical Commission: Commission members are required to attend two (2) continuing education events per year.

A Special Meeting of the commission is scheduled for Tuesday, June 8, at 6:30 p.m.

Valerie Johnson made a motion to adjourn, Kathy King seconded, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.