

Montevallo Historic Preservation Commission

Minutes

Tuesday, April 12, 2022

6:00 pm

City of Montevallo Council Chambers

Members in Attendance:

Susan Godwin

Kathy King

Anitka Stewart Sims

Sherry Vallides

Janice Seaman

Kenny Dukes (Council Representative)

Call to Order:

- Establish quorum: 6:00 pm
- Approval of minutes with corrections from March 2022:
 - Motion: Seaman; second: Vallides

Announcements:

- CLG training and funding opportunities: Paige Thomas expressed interest in conducting a training session for Certified Local Government (CLG) commission members in Montevallo. She will let us know when her formal presentation is ready.
- Workshop on Cemetery Preservation in New Market, AL, April 30. Some members expressed interest in attending.
- More than \$6,000 in CLG grant funds are available. They must be spent by Sept. By email Paige Thomas suggested using funds to offset expenses to attend the NAPC (National Association of Preservation Commissions) FORUM in Cincinnati in mid-July. The NAPC FORUM is the only national conference focusing on the issues facing local historic commissions and boards. CLG grant funds must be spent by September.
- K King will represent MHPC at the Mainstreet National Conference to be held mid-May in Richmond, VA.
- The MHPC's Untold Stories of Black Montevallo, monthly in the Chamber Chatter, are now posted on the website of the Montevallo Historical Society (MHS). Source: Clayton Nordan.

Old Business

- Report on bylaw revisions:
 1. S. Godwin and K. King reported on the activities of the by-law review committee.
 2. K. King circulated the texts of Article I (Purpose) and Article VI (Agenda). There was consensus that the 2019 text of Article I be replaced with the statement of purpose adapted from the current state code. Member of the public Melinda Nix explained the history of Article VI. There was consensus that this section be headed "Support Staff" rather than "Agenda."

3. The review committee will circulate a copy of proposed bylaw revisions in two weeks in time for review by all members in advance of our next meeting.
4. Mayor Nix commented that the MHPC should consult City Clerk Steve Gilbert for data, and that meeting Agenda and Minutes should be sent to him to send to the State Rep.
5. Mayor Nix mentioned that the state code allows for increasing the number of board members on the MHPC. K. King agreed provided that the municipal code is first amended by public process.

New Business

- Discussion of possible MHPC projects
 1. J. Seaman has met with Powell Cemetery attorney David Shelby. Attorney Shelby stated he would need to get the cemetery surveyed and proceed from there. J. Seaman asked that the cemetery be given to the city so it can be restored, since that was the intent of the current owner.
 2. A. Sims is researching African American Heritage Trail markers in other cities as examples for the City of Montevallo trail. K. King and K. Dukes will also work on the project.
 3. S. Godwin and S. Vallides want to work with Section 106 Properties: Buildings as historic properties or districts.
 4. S. Vallides wants to research what can be done to salvage the historic value of the Mahler House.

Adjournment: 7:14 p.m.

Next meeting: May 10, 2022