

## Montevallo Historic Preservation Commission

### **ROUGH** Minutes

Tuesday, June 14

6:00 pm

City of Montevallo Council Chambers

#### **Members:**

Susan Godwin

Kathy King

Janice Seaman

Sherry Vallides

Valerie Johnson

Gregory Reese

#### **Call to Order: 6:03 pm**

- Establish quorum
- Approval of minutes from May 2022: motion to approve as corrected and seconded; approved 6:05 pm

#### **Reports:**

- Valerie Johnson: Disaster & Resilience Training (May 23-24; CAMP Resilience webinar); Preservation Justice: Making Your Local Government More Equitable (May 20; NAPC webinar)
  - Discussion regarding direct and indirect applicability of Disaster & Resilience information
- Kathy King: Main Street America National Conference (May 16-18)

#### **Old Business:**

- Approve revised bylaws
- Motion to approve: Johnson; second Reese
  - Discussion / Comment:
    - Discussion regarding the bylaws' reflection of Montevallo municipal code and how the bylaws will be revised every year and upon any changes to relevant sections of the State or municipal codes
    - Mayor Nix invited to discuss his goals to help the MHPC see the future he envisions
      - Work on Mahler House. Believes there are Covid funds available. Envisions a multi-function facility: Welcome Center; Chamber Office; site for catering-type events, e.g. weddings; gift shop (selling T-shirts, e.g.); archive/mini-museum.
      - A plaque commemorating Prentice HS at the site of the present middle school. Additionally, plaque or signage of some sort relating to history of HS, the Prentice family, and the surrounding area.
      - Further research toward identifying sites on the African American Heritage Trail. Would like it to include something relating to the Aldrich cemetery (burial site of prisoners who died during the convict leasing period).

- Attention to other historic cemeteries, including that corner of the city cemetery where recent research indicates Jesse Wilson established first beginnings of the community that became the town of Montevallo.
- Manage changes to the downtown historic district (presently under the DRC).
- Discussion adds a new paragraph to Article I; new Article V; renumbering of subsequent articles

**New Business:**

- Secretary discussion: V. Johnson notes she is unable to attend four meetings in coming months due to scheduling conflict; offers to step down as secretary. Members motion to move meeting days in July, Sept., Oct. Nov.; Johnson agrees to serve another year term as secretary
- Motion (Seaman) to move regular July meeting from 12 July to 19 July so V. Johnson can attend: second (Vallides); unanimous agreement

Adjournment: 7:40 pm

Next meeting: July 19, 2022. Time: 6pm. Location: City Council Chambers