

Montevallo Historic Preservation Commission
Minutes
Tuesday, October 3, 2023
6:00 p.m.
Parnell Memorial Library

Members Present:

Veronica Bailey, Tara Brantley, Reverend Kenneth Dukes, Bill Glosson, Susan Godwin, Melinda Nix, James Salter, Janice Seaman and Sherry Vallides

Guest: Councilwoman Martha Ann Eisenberg

Call to Order:

A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

A motion was made by B. Glosson to approve the minutes from the September 5th meeting; motion seconded by J. Salter; motion passed.

Old Business:

J. Salter reported that he has submitted information for the historical designation plaques for Ward Chapel and Shiloh Baptist Church to city hall for approval at the next city council meeting.

M. Nix reported that she has spoken with David Calhoun at Shelby County Board of Education regarding a historic marker at Montevallo Middle School and is waiting on a date to meet with Mr. Calhoun and the Principal at Montevallo Middle School.

S. Vallides stated that she has spoken with Cheryl Patton with the Shoal Creek Park Foundation and Ms. Patton did not have an update on the GPR at the gravesites in the park. S. Vallides will speak to Steve Gilbert at City Hall to see if he has updated information on the project.

V. Bailey did not have an update on the survey of the Aldrich area. She is waiting on maps of the area before proceeding.

J. Seaman stated that she met with Steve Gilbert regarding the progress at the Mahler House. She reported that the funds have been approved for the architect to draw up plans for the HVAC and electrical stage of the project. The plans will be submitted to the Shelby County Inspection Services for approval before work is performed.

S. Godwin reported that the maps she has for Aldrich are over a year old and that they need to be redrawn due to recent rezoning of the area.

New Business

J. Salter proposed two new sites for the AAHT. The two sites are the Masonic Hall on Commerce Street and the "Little School" on Island Street.

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M. Nix asked J. Salter about the existence of a former entertainment district on Selma Road. J. Salter and Rev. Dukes highlighted a few businesses that used to stand in that area. S. Godwin stated her interest in performing a survey in that area since it has significant importance and that it would be beneficial to the city to designate it pending resident approval. The area could be a drawing point for persons headed south through town. Rev. Dukes commented that the area is also an old stagecoach route to Selma. S. Godwin stated that we might be able to locate old photographs of the area through Carey Heatherly who is the archivist at the Carmichael Library on the campus of the University of Montevallo. M. Nix suggested that, maybe, the commission could put an ad in the Chamber Chatter requesting photos of places in the old entertainment district.

The next MHPC meeting will be on Tuesday, November 7th at 6:00 p.m. in the Parnell Room at Parnell Memorial Library.

Meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

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