

**Montevallo Historic Preservation Commission**  
**Minutes**  
**Tuesday, May 2, 2023**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**Parnell Memorial Library**

**Members Present:**

Veronica Bailey, Tara Brantley, Rev. Kenny Dukes, Bill Glosson, Susan Godwin, Melinda Nix, James Salter, Janice Seaman and Sherry Vallides

**Call to Order:**

A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m.

Minutes from the April 4, 2023 meeting were read by M. Nix. A motion was made by V. Bailey to approve the minutes; motion seconded by S. Vallides; motion passed.

**Old Business:**

S. Godwin disseminated copies of the Montevallo Municipal Code and Bylaws and Rules of Procedure that apply to the MHPC for our binders.

S. Godwin gave an update on the information that was approved to be placed on the MHPC website. She explained that S. Gilbert objected to a statement in the third paragraph. She called him the following day and read, verbatim, from page two of the Certified Local Government Handbook. The phrase that he was concerned about related to standards, criteria and procedures for alterations, demolitions or new construction in the downtown core and historic district and how they must be consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standard for Treatment of Historic Properties. S. Godwin stated that she forgot to place the references in the statement and that was the objection. She stated that the placement of that particular statement also needs to be moved to an earlier paragraph. M. Nix stated that, because that conversation was held outside of a MHPC meeting, she suggested that, if S. Godwin wanted to change the wording and give to S. Gilbert, she could submit the corrected copy at a later meeting. The commission could review the new wording and, if approved, the corrections would be included in the minutes of that meeting as an attachment.

S. Vallides asked if an update has been received on the GPR Study at Shoal Creek Park. J. Seaman reported that she knows that the city is receiving bills for the study and those are being forwarded to the Shoal Creek Park Foundation for payment. The city nor MHPC have been notified of any final report being presented.

T. Brantley passed out copies of Alabama Properties Listed on the National Register of Historic Places (dated December 9, 2022) for our binders.

J. Seaman gave an update on activity at the Mahler House. She reported that a new roof is currently being placed on the old kitchen and garage of the home. S. Gilbert has also dropped off a piece of the asbestos siding from the home for her to match with new siding pieces to replace those that are missing or damaged on the home. The next stage of work should include wiring and plumbing.

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J. Seaman reported that she, with previous approval from MHPC, has joined MHPC in three professional organizations that relate to historic preservation. MHPC funding will be used to pay application fees. The organizations joined are The Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation, The National Trust for Historic Preservation and the National Alliance for Historic Preservation.

J. Seaman is still waiting on a response from the Montevallo Chamber of Commerce regarding our page in The Chamber Chatter.

J. Salter asked about the status of the historic plaques for Shiloh and Ward Chapel churches. J. Seaman stated that both churches will need to approve the wording for their plaque. J. Seaman and J. Salter plan to get together and work on the wording of the markers.

**New Business:**

M. Nix gave a brief overview of the Alabama Historic Association professional development she attended in Prattville. She said that, by far, Dr. Jim Day's presentation on the Clotilda was the most interesting and informative presentation at the conference. The overall experience was a good one and she hopes others in the group will try to attend next year.

Meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

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