

Historic Preservation District Commission

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Call to order

Mr. Jeff Bernard- Chairman, called the meeting to order.



Commissioners- Present: Jeff Bernard, Jason Zuckerman, Richard Adamiak,

John Crane, Jill McGuire, Terri Hamilton and Susan Danielson

Administrator: Louise Scott; Secretary: Kathy Reeves

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- 1). August 17, 2017 –Mr. Zuckerman made a motion to approve the minutes, Mr. Bernard seconded. There were no objections, minutes were approved.
- 2). September 21, 2017- Mr. Zuckerman made a motion to approve the minutes, Ms. McGuire seconded. There were no objections, minutes were approved.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Bernard confirmed there was no new business at this time.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- 1). Discussion-landmarks, wells and ponds-



Mr. Bernard asked Mr. Adamiak to give an updated status on the wells inventory. Mr. Adamiak supplied everyone with a copy of the wells survey form he was using. He stated he would take a site visit and include photos, dimensions and GPS coordinates. He also handed out some examples and spread sheet . Ms. Scott said the next step would be to create an ordinance to amend the ordinance.

Mr. Adamiak also handed out a proposed change to Section 7.6.4.7-Classification of Structures to add "Historical Features". This would potentially include non-structure features within the historic district that would be determined to be of significance, to include but not limited to the following: artesian wells basins/structures, fire protection/water retention brick lined basins, old iron fences, remaining parts of old railroad infrastructure .

Mr. Adamiak thought construction was probably around 1840-1850 as primary water source but also secondary source for animals. He thought there was possibly over 200 original ones.

Ms. Scott stated she would run the new language past the City attorneys, and if they were ok with, HPDC would draft an ordinance to amend the existing ordinance, partnering with the approval of the wells survey. Then the City Council would introduce it and refer it back to HPDC for public hearing. Then HPDC would make a recommendation back to the City Council for adoption.

- 2). Discussion-Mandeville Street Scape-



Mr. Adamiak said he was passionate about "streetscape" tree canopy. He felt it was the ambiance of old Mandeville. Ms. Scott said a new ordinance was being submitted to Planning and Zoning to change the preservation from six (6) inches to three (3) inches to help preserve the new growth. She also suggested putting together a resolution to P & Z and City council that HPDC would like to keep streetscape in mind.

Mr. Adamiak suggested the removal of "streetscape" from the definition change. Everyone seemed to be in agreement.

- 3). Discussion-Demolition by neglect

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Mr. Bernard stated he and Ms. Scott met with City attorneys, Mr. Deano and Mr. Harrison, to come up with some solutions to balance the issue of “blighted” properties to stabilize them.

Ms. McGuire provided a copy of the City of Covington’s “demolition by neglect” ordinance. Ms. Scott said she would forward the information to the attorneys.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Ms. Scott said Mr. London, the Historic office of the City of Slidell was asking if HPDC was interested in meeting with other cities to talk about these issues. She would send out an email to confirm dates and times, maybe like Wednesdays 2pm-5pm or so. Everyone seemed in agreement.

Mr. Bernard asked about the guidelines RFP. Mr. Zuckerman stated he would try to follow up on it and have a report for the next meeting.

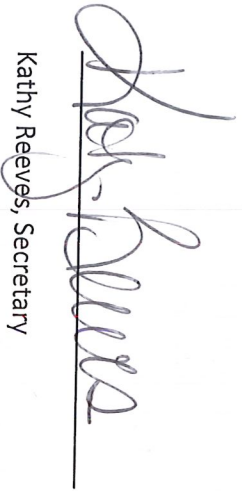
Mr. Bernard reported the next meeting would be November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**ADJOURNMENT**

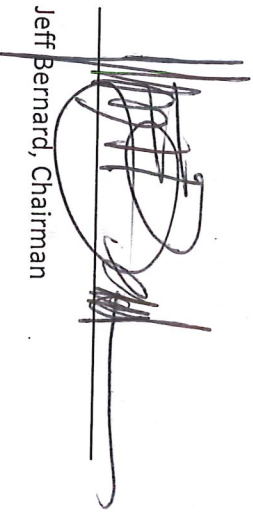
Mr. Zuckerman made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Bernard seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

Mr. Adamiak asked to re-open the agenda, Mr. Crane seconded. Mr. Adamiak asked why Old Mandeville did not have walking tour plaques much like the City of Covington had. He asked if HPDC could make a resolution to the City Council to appropriate money to fund these plaques so that HPDC could manage them. Ms. Scott said the HPDC could put together a budget and work plan to submit to the Council but suggested Mr. Adamiak talk to the Mayor. Mr. Adamiak asked to add to the next agenda new business-Historic District signage/monuments.

Mr. Zuckerman made a motion to adjourn and Ms. McGuire seconded.



Kathy Reeves, Secretary



Jeff Bernard, Chairman