

Historic Preservation District Commission

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Call to order

Ms. Haveman called the meeting to order.

Commissioners- Present: Ed Kimball, Jeff Bernard, Ann Haveman, Mike Pulaski

Absent: Susan Danieison (who will be absent the next three(3) meetings)

Administrator: Louiseette Kidd; and Secretary: Kathy Reeves

Approval of Minutes

March 26, 2014 minutes: Mr. Pulaski moved to approve the minutes, Mr. Kimball seconded, and the motion was carried.

Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees

Administrator's Report:

A. Ms. Kidd reported that there were two (2) Certificates of Appropriateness issued by the administration. The first was new residential construction at 2400 Livingston. The second was an elevation project at 400 Coffee Street.

Ms. Kidd also said that the Design Review Committee was working through the guidelines the Commission submitted. They are breaking down their review into design components and then into materials. She commented she had not heard back from the URS group that was putting together design guidelines for historic structures .

Reports of Special Committees

A. Guideline's Committee: Mr. Bernard asked if the Design Review Committee had comments on the draft submittal. Ms. Kidd said that the Committee is wading through all the information. Mr. Pulaski said once the guidelines are finished it may then eliminate some of the concerns they have about the Ordinance.

Unfinished Business

A. Discussion of Resolution 14-08, City Council's request for HPDC to evaluate the potential historic significance of a structure on square 20. Ms. Kidd asked Mr. Kimball to estimate the cost to repair the structure. Mr. Kimball stated the house, with porch, was 1125 square feet. He figured that repairs would cost approximately \$50-\$55 dollars a square foot, which came to \$56,200. He also figured it by general repairs, roof, painting, electrical ,plumbing and HVAC , it came to \$53,575.00.

Mr. Bernard suggested the Commission write a letter to the owner letting them know the Commission felt the house was contributing and there were resources available for potential tax credits should they choose to do repairs. Mr. Pulaski made a two (2) part motion for the response to City Council's Resolution 14-08. The first part outlines the reason the house should be included as contributing in the Historic District. This would include age, architectural type, style, use of materials, scale and proportion. The second part would be recommending the house be re-stored by the City. Mr. Kimball seconded and the motion was carried. The Commission also agrees to write a letter to the owner of the structure at square 20.

New Business

Mr. Barrett McGuire spoke to the Commission that he and his wife had purchased the Rest-A-While property. Speaking informally, they were contemplating relocation of the Hadden Cottage which was currently on this property, to a potential piece of property still in the Historic District. Ms. Haveman

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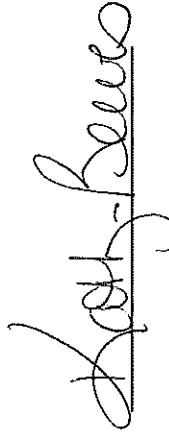
asked what their plans for the property were. Mr. McGuire stated that potentially they were thinking about a retirement community, with multiple cottages across the property. He also said that they would utilize the Rest-A-While building, and the Sophie B. Wright cottage. Mr. Bernard asked the square footage, which Mr. McGuire stated it was 900 square feet. He also asked if the Hadden Cottage was the first building on the property, which Mr. McGuire stated it was not. Mr. McGuire offered that the Commission come take a tour of the building. He also stated that when he makes his formal application, he would provide a full historical abstract of the building.

Announcements

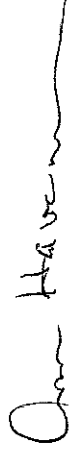
Ms. Haveman confirmed that the next meeting was May 15th at 6:30pm.

Adjournment

Mr. Pulaski moved to adjourn, Mr. Kimball seconded. The meeting was adjourned.



Kathy Reeves, Secretary



Ann Haveman, Chairman