

Historic Preservation District Commission

Public Hearing –Special April 1, 2015

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Call to order

Ms. Haveman called the meeting to order.

Commissioners- Present: Jeff Bernard, Ann Haveman and Mike Pulaski

Absent: Susan Danielson, Ed Kimball

Administrator: Louise K Kidd; Secretary: Kathy Reeves

New Business

Ms. Kidd introduced Emily Reed, who was representing Cox Mc Lain Environmental Consulting firm. The City of Mandeville was awarded a grant through the Louisiana State Office of Historic Preservation to update the adopted 2009 Sally Reeves Survey. CMEC was to review the existing inventory database, (structures through 1941), making any corrections and add any structures through 1965.

Ms. Reed stated that CMEC dealt with all aspects of environmental compliances and evaluations. They also had a department of archeology and history as well. She said that she and three (3) others from CMEC arrived Monday, April 30th and had been out surveying. Their pre-field preparation included reviewing the Reeves survey and obtained a high-resolution aerial image that encompassed the Mandeville Historic Preservation District from 1965. By comparing the 1965 image to current aerial photography for each parcel they were able to assign three (3) categories for each parcel:

- 1) Not Historic-Age: the 1965 aerial image clearly illustrated that either the parcel was vacant in 1965 or that buildings present on the parcel in 1965 are different in location. This category also included currently vacant parcels.
- 2) Historic-Age: the 1965 aerial image clearly illustrated that the parcel was developed in 1965, and the location and form of the buildings correlated to the building(s) on the current aerial image.
- 3) Undetermined: due to the tree(s) canopy or other uncertainties, the 1965 aerial was not clear to the presence of a building or not.

She also stated that CMEC would be photographing all properties that would be from 1965 or older which would include those 424 parcels from the Sally Reeves survey to show any modifications. She said there was approximately 300 parcel post 1941-1965, which means they would be looking at about 700 parcels. Their goal was to finish this week, but if not they would come back.

Ms. Kidd said once CMEC was finished, there would be a public hearing to notify all the newly added parcels. The Historic Preservation District Commissioners would make a recommendation to the City Council to amend the survey. The City Council would adopt an ordinance to amend the Historic Survey prepared by Sally Reeves dated February 4, 2009.

Mr. Bernard asked if CMEC would be looking at any structures outside the survey area. Ms. Reed stated they had looked at all the National Registered listings for the Mandeville area. They found two (2) or three (3). Ms. Kidd added that they also should be looking at fences that need to be incorporated in the list. Ms. Reed stated that parcels could have more than one structure associated with it, including fences.

The Commissioners thanked Ms. Reed and wished the CMEC surveyors good luck.

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Adjournment

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



Kathy Reeves, Secretary



Mike Pulaski, Vice-Chairman