

## Historic Preservation District Commission

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Call to order

Mr. Hijuelos called the meeting to order

Present: All Commissioners, Administrator & secretary

Absent: None

Guest: Ms. Susan Howden

### Approval of Minutes

Minor changes were noted and corrected. Ms. Haveman moved to approve the minutes, it was seconded by Mr. Bernard. The motion passed unanimously.

### Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees

Ms.Kidd reported that the Design Review Committee had their first new construction case. The house was part of the Hazard Mitigation Program. As the current elevation plans were missing details, the parties involved assured the Design Review Committee the plans would be updated and sent back to them. The permit was issued in order to comply with the upcoming grant deadline.

Ms. Kidd explained in the past the Design Review Committee reviewed for design elements such as scale, proportions and good design. The biggest contribution of the Design Review Committee has been for corporate America, has they come in, to tone down such things as color and hype from generic plans. She also stated that the Historic Preservation District Commission was set up to hear demolitions, relocations and major additions. If the Design Review Committee is uncomfortable with what is proposed they can refer the case to the Commission .

Mr. Hijuelos expressed the need for the Commission to be involved in the review of new construction and significant additions within the historic district. Other Commission members noted agreement. He also stated that the Commission needed to develop guidelines. Mr. Bernard and Ms. Danielson said they would be on the special committee for guidelines and would include the Design Review Committee. Mr. Hijuelos agreed to work on the CLURO's design guidelines , assemble the commissioner's handbook and meet with Ms. Kidd to develop a demolition permit application.

Ms. Kidd had started to fill out the Certified Local Government application and would be sending that out for the Commissioners to review.

### Reports of Special Committees

As there were no special committees yet, there were no reports.

### Unfinished Business

Ms. Kidd stated the couple that attended the meeting March 21, 2013, met with Design Review. They had a purchase agreement to buy 210 Wilkinson Street. The house had many structural issues, but really wanted to preserve the house. Design Review provided some guidance in looking for someone that would be sensitive to their needs. Ms.Kidd said they have not heard back from the couple.

In old business, the logo for the Historic Preservation District Commission was still open for suggestions. It was brought up that maybe the "shack" could be added to the submitted logo.

### New Business

Ms. Kidd said there will be a demolition case coming up. Tommy Cousin's house at 1715 Claiborne is contributing, but was damaged by Hurricane Katrina. No repairs have been made and he

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feels that it should be demolished. He is waiting to get on the Historic Preservation District Commission agenda.

Mr. Hijueros said he would like to create an Education & Outreach Committee. This is important part of the Historic Preservation District Commission to provide information, education and support to the community. Mr. Pulaski and Ms. Haveman volunteered to be on this committee. Ms. Kidd asked that she be included.

**A) Preservation Week**

Alia put together the Preservation Week fliers to be sent out to properties on the survey. The dates are Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2-5pm -OMHA Historic Homes Tour, Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>- 10am, Historic Presentation Information Session and Open House-presented by Jessica Richardson (state's SHIPCO officer) and Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 10am-Preservation 101 presented by Mr. Hijueros.

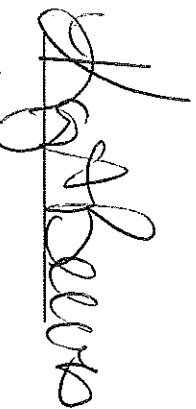
Most of the Commissioners would be out of town for the week of May 12-18<sup>th</sup> and the next scheduled public meeting May 16. Therefore Ms. Kidd suggested the next public meeting be Thursday May 23 at 6:00pm. She will send out an email to confirm.

**Announcements**

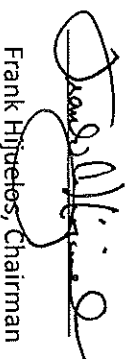
None at this time

**Adjournment**

Mr. Hijueros asked for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Danielson moved, seconded by Mr. Bernard. The motion passed unanimously.



Kathy Reeves, Secretary



Frank Hijueros, Chairman