

Historic Preservation District Commission

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Call to order

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

Commissioners- Present: Jeff Bernard, Laura Van Huss, John Crane

Absent: Susan Danielson and Ed Kimball

Administrator: Louise Scott; Secretary: Kathy Reeves

Approval of Minutes

1). May 25, 2016- Ms. Van Huss made a motion to approve the minutes, Mr. Crane seconded. There were no objections, minutes were approved.

New Business

Mr. Bernard welcomed the new commissioner, John Crane who was replacing Mike Pulaski, who had been a great help to the Commission and had been recently elected to the City Council.

Mr. Crane stated that both he and his wife were preservationists. They had moved to the Northshore in 2012, experienced the August flooding and took eighteen (18) months to renovate their home.

1). Discussion to amend Ordinance 12-32, Sect.7-13 C.2-demolition or relocation of Contributing structures.

Ms. Van Huss suggested that instead of dividing up the “Contributing” category, the Commission should put the burden of proof on the homeowner, no matter what category it fell in. They would have to tell the Commission why they would like to demo the house. She thought this would then become a dialog with the homeowner and it would not pigeon hole the property into a sub-category.

Mr. Bernard said that idea would be good because it would not conflict with the current survey the HPD had now . He also said he would like to know the practices of other communities to compare. He encouraged the Commissioners to go thru the Ordinance 12-32, look at the language and take notes.

Ms. Van Huss asked if the City’s website could provide links to information such as the Mandeville Design Guidelines or the Louisiana Speaks Pattern Book for the community. Ms. Scott stated that she was working on getting more information on the website but that it really needed to be re-structured.

Ms. Van Huss asked if the Design Review Committee could get a preservationist to represent the HPDC for their meetings. Ms. Scott said that they had someone but he became ill. She would work on getting someone else.

Mr. Bernard asked about the progress of the guidelines RFQ . Ms. Scott stated that she would find out the maximum amount that a project could be to go directly on the budget. She said that if the Commission had three (3) or four (4) names of individuals that were good, maybe they would not need an RFQ.

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Ms. Rohrbaugh wanted to remind the Commission that they talked about creating a database for pictures and oral history of structures. She would check with the Court House archives division to see if they were capable of handling these items.

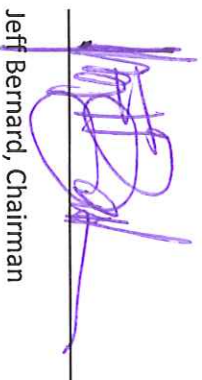
Mr. Bernard stated the next meeting would be July 21, 2016.

Adjournment

Mr. Crane moved to adjourn, Ms. Van Huss seconded. The meeting was adjourned.



Kathy Reeves, Secretary



Jeff Bernard, Chairman