

Historic Preservation District Commission

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Call to order

Ms. Haveman called the meeting to order.

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

Absent: Ed Kimball

Administrator: Louise(K'idd) Scott; Secretary: Kathy Reeves

New Business

Ms. Scott stated the meeting tonight was to discuss the update of the Mandeville Historic Preservation District Survey that had been conducted by Cox McLain Environmental Consulting(CMEC). She said that Emily Reed, architectural historian and project manager, was present tonight to give the final update.

Ms. Reed started with background that Mandeville had been the subject of three (3) previous surveys, 1982 and 1999 that was Parish wide survey and 2008 that was completed by Sally Reeves that was focused on Mandeville properties that were constructed in 1941 or earlier, and partly because of the Reeves Survey, the City of Mandeville enacted Ordinance 12-32 creating the Mandeville Historic Preservation District. The Ordinance established four (4) property categories: Landmark, Significant, Contributing and Non-contributing.

Ms. Reed said because their primary task was looking at structures built between 1941-1965, CMEC's first step of methodology was obtaining a high-resolution aerial image that encompassed the District from 1965 and compared it to current aerial images. They then assigned three (3) categories for each parcel: 1)Not Historic-Age, 2)Historic-Age and 3) undetermined.

Their next step was creating a custom data collection form that would be used for field surveying that was completed between March 31 and April 3, 2015. Upon completing the field surveys, the information was then entered so to complete two (2) layouts, one(1) for the City's use and one (1) that the Louisiana Historic Preservation office required for the grant.

Ms. Reed stated that CMEC was not only commissioned to photograph and document properties but also to provide recommendation for contributing and non-contributing. The criteria for contributing were all significant and landmark properties. CMEC recommended non-contributing status for 1). properties determined to post-date 1965, 2). properties that had been demolished or significantly altered since the time of the Reeves Survey or 3). properties lacking the integrity necessary to convey their significance. Ms. Reed explained that "integrity" was defined by the National Park Service in seven (7) aspects: location, design, materials, workmanship, setting, feeling and association.

After Ms. Reed explained the types and styles of structures they looked at in the HPD and stated the summary of categories for Historic-Age properties showed eighty (80) percent were contributing.

CMEC recommended three (3) areas for potential National Register Districts: 1). Lakeshore Drive between Carondelet Street and Foy Street, 2). Marigny Avenue between Lakeshore Drive and Livingston Street and 3). Girod Street between Lakeshore Drive and Livingston Street. CMEC also recommended for next steps would be to do further research in properties such as the Dew Drop and the Poitevant and Favre Company. Ms. Reed also suggested the creation of a repository for the local architectural history.

Ms. Scott stated the next step would be to finalize any corrections or classifications, then the HPDC would make a recommendation to the City Council to adopt the new additions to the survey.

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The Commissioners agreed that the HPD owners be notified by sending out another letter giving them sixty (60) days to respond with any comments. Mayor Villere suggested information be added to the water bill. Ms. Scott stated there would be a link on the City's website for owners to check the survey.

Adjournment

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



Kathy Reeves, Secretary



Mike Pulaski, Vice-Chairman