

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, Susan Danielson

Absent: Ed Kimball

Administrator: Louise Scott; Secretary: Kathy Reeves

Approval of Minutes

1). June 16, 2016- Mr. Crane made a motion to approve the minutes, Ms. Danielson seconded. There were no objections, minutes were approved.

Presentation

Mr. Bernard introduced Charles Simoneaux as presenter of the Old Jail history.

Mr. Simoneaux started the presentation with his background as the IT Manager for the City of Mandeville's police department over 20 years. It was one day shortly after he started that he happened to be driving by the old jail at 1910 Madison Street, that he became interested in it's history. With investigation, he relised it's history could be tracked thru the digital records of the town's council. He said the land was located at Square 12, lots 3 and 12. It seemed to him that there had been buildings on this property since at least 1871. The first mention of the old jail seemed to be February 1938 and was used until 1958. He shared slides of the current jail, commenting he felt it was worthy of preservation even though it has some structural issues. He also presented the original keys to the jail.

Mr. Bernard thanked him for his presentation and hoped the Commission would get with City Officials to at least stabilize the building.

New Business

1). 910 Florida-Mittlebronn-Laavedan House-adding it back to HPD survey

Ms. Scott stated that this building was originally noted on the Sally Reeves survey as 2-of local importance. It should be brought in as a district satellite with the significant rating. There was a list of other property satellites that were left off the Cox McClain survey and Ms. Scott said the commissioners should go thru and make a recommendation to the City Council any properties that were already surveyed but needed to be included in the HPD survey.

Mr. David Cressey, who talked to Mr. John Cummings owner of the building, was willing to donate the structure to the City and sell any of his lots nearby to relocate it.

Ms. Danielson asked if anyone had thought about moving the building to the Kierr Gardens. Mr. Cressey thought the building was not in great shape for that big of a move.

Mr. Crane said that a year or so ago, he and his wife tried to buy the building with plans of moving it to their property on Lamarque Street but they could not come to an agreement with Mr. Cummings. Mr. Crane stated the building was seriously deteriorating and there were large trees that would be an obstacle for movement.

Ms. Van Huss suggested the commission contact the LA Trust of Historic Preservation. Under their "Revolving Fund" program, acquisition-restoration-resale, they may be interested in this building if it is stable enough. Ms. Scott said she would be meeting with SHPO and would ask. She would also see if the City's engineer firm could do a building assessment report.

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Old Business

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

Mr. Bernard made a motion to put forth a draft to the City Council to change Ordinance 12-32 to allow the HPD Commission to approve or deny with criteria any structures within the Historic survey. All the Commissioners were in favor, there was no opposition, the motion was approved.

2). Discussion of RFP for design guidelines

Ms. Scott said there should be a scope of work. She agreed to check with Cox McClain to see what they could put together for guidelines.

Announcements

Mr. Bernard stated the next meeting would be September 15th.

Adjournment

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



Kathy Reeves, Secretary



Ed Kimball, Pro-temp Chairman