

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

March 10, 2021

Virtual Meeting

Members Present: Sharon Reeves (Chair), Jerel McGeachy (Vice-Chair), Denise Gaskins (Secretary), Alice Dobbs, Teresa Davis, Glenn Dean (absent), and Timothy Whitted

Others Present: Board of Commissioner, Commissioner Jerry Legge; Staff Liaison, Chancer McLaughlin; and Public Works Director, Don Sisko

Members of the Historic Preservation Committee (“HPC”) welcomed new member Alice Dobbs

1. Meeting with called to Order by Chair Sharon Reeves at 6:05 p.m.
2. All present unanimously approved the Agenda.
3. Old Business
 - A. February 17, 2021 meeting minutes were approved.
4. New Business

New Item added to agenda – Secretary Denise Gaskins requested to resign as Secretary due to falling behind on meeting minutes and unable to keep meeting minutes current. Teresa Davis and other members offered to help out if Denise would remain as secretary. It was agreed Jerel McGeachy will prepare April 14, 2021 meeting minutes, Teresa will prepare May 12, 2021 meeting minutes, and Tim Whitted will prepare June 9, 2021 meeting minutes. Denise agreed to remain secretary. Teressa requested the meeting to be recorded. Chancer informed the members that recording was not required as the meeting are public meeting. Standard operation will be to forward recording meeting minutes as they are recorded and available.

- A. Budget Retreat Results – present by Chancer. Chancer presented requested budget to the Board of Commissions (“BOC”), (i) the BOC decided to not move forward with the Church nomination and consultant, (ii) check with the finance department regarding how much money remains in the current budget and task staff what they can do with outside bathrooms at the Church, (iii) BOC want to move with immediate renovations now, budget installation with bathroom, and have an Architect to prepare a plans for a bathroom to match the style of the Church. BOC wants to move forward with the Museum and Church expeditiously as possible. BOC will allow \$5,000.00 out of \$49,000.00 2021/2022 budget for renovations and bathrooms. Teresa requested clarification of the \$49,000.00, BOC is willing to use for restoration and bathrooms. Chancer confirmed to redirect \$5,000.00 and not a historical nomination.

- B. Prioritization of Chapel Renovations Funds - Chancer stated he will confirm that amount of money remaining in the budget for 2020/2021 fiscal year to HPC tomorrow.
- C. Land Acquisition/Museum Plans - Sharon discussed her conversation with the owner at 5558 Trade street, Mr. Johnson, about the Town purchasing the land. Jerry stated that Town Manger, Melissa Adams, had spoken with Mr. Johnson and Mr. Johnson conveyed to Ms. Adams he was not ready to sell and that there was a delay due to his Mother's Estate is still pending. Jerel requested for the meeting to move to the next agenda item. Sharon continued her discuss, then move forward to the next agenda item.
- D. In Person Meetings - Members discussed returning to in person meeting for April. Denise made a Motion to return to in person meeting beginning April 2021 with the understanding that should Governor Cooper Order restrictions, the HPC would follow any new Order and return in virtual meetings, if necessary. Concerns were discussed regarding the availability of the meeting room at Parks and Recreation building and the Motion was amended that should the Park and Recreation meeting is not available, HPC would meet at the Church. Don Sisko indicated there would not be a problem for HPC to meet at the Church. Jerel voted no to in person meeting, Teresa, Sharon, Tim, Alice, and Denise voted yes to returning to in person meetings. Tim Whitted was not available at the time of voting to provide a response.
- E. Meeting Attendance Requirements – not discussed.
- F. Accurate Reporting of Meetings - Sharon discussed with the members the importance of keeping accurate minutes and having the meetings available on the Town of Hope Mills website.
- G. CLG Certification – Sharon referred back to an email she circulated on March 3, 2021. Chancer stated that the BOC directed the town attorney to explore the legislative requirements to Amended or explore other possible avenues for the committee to make decisions without being a commission.
- H. Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.