

November 10, 2021

Hope Mills Historic Preservation Committee Meeting

Members Present:

Sharon Reeves (Chair, Jerel McGeachy (Vice-Chair) Denise Gaskins, Teresa Davis, Timothy Whitted, Alice Dodd via facetime. Absent: Glenn Dean.

Others Present:

Don Sisko (Public Works Commission), Jessie Bellflowers (Commissioner) and Ricky Sadler(Staff liaison).

1. Sharon called to order at 6:07 PM, motion passed.
2. Teresa requested to add to the agenda- Items G. Rules of Procedure and H. Town ordinance. Denise made a motion to approve the amended agenda, approved by all.
3. Minutes for August 11, September 8 and October 13 were presented for approval. Denise Gaskins name needs to be correctly spelled on the October meeting minutes. Motion was made to approve the August 11 meeting minutes by Jerel, second by Tim. Motion was made to approve the September 8 meeting minutes by Denise, second by Teresa. Motion was made to approve the October 13 meeting minutes with the correction to Denise's name by Teresa, second by Denise- all approved unanimously.
4. New Business:
 - A. Don Sisko reported- repairs needed to finish the inside of the chapel were bid out. Mr Gray won the opportunity to do the work, he is the same contractor who has completed the precious work and knows how to handle repairs to historic buildings appropriately. Scope of work to be: Repair remaining pews, (small repairs) left steps to be replaced, kneelers repaired and 2 hymnal wracks repaired. Also included is to install the plaque on the front of the chapel building, light fixtures to be restored and reinstalled on the exterior. Cost is \$13,880.00. Will include Plaster and wiring repair/update to meet current codes. The Trade st house did not have active termites; However, it did have fire ants. Ants were treated. The cost to repair the damage by ants, and rain to the exterior has been estimated at \$9,800.00 this cost includes replacing the windows. Teresa asked if it would be cost effective to piece out the project, ie: electrician – Don said it has already been approved and estimates given are based on the scope of work. Don said he would look into this for the committee. There is currently no deadline for the work to be completed. Funds will come out of the HPC budget with a current balance of \$79,000.00. Jessie Bellflower mentioned the HPS's original budget was \$240,000.00. Sharon thanked Don for his efforts and hard work.
 - B. The chapels open house is coming up 12/3 and 12/4. Decorations were discussed, Don mentioned the appearance committee should be handling the decorations. Jessie said to check with appearance committee before we decide or make any motions to vote on purchasing our own decorations. Also that Lamarco would know and do inventory. Email Scott and based on the inventory, decide accordingly. Jessie asked to have this ready by the BOC Monday night meeting. Sharon to call Jamie Bahman with Parks and Recreation first. Kudos was given to Tim for his help during the Trunk or Treat event. Events with the town of Hope Mills were discussed, Our Town Tree. Chapel is good for an open house, planning for 12/3 and 12/4 from 5:30pm-7:30pm, a Friday and Saturday. Jessie B. will ask Scott about

- port a potties. Sharon would like to be sure there are luminaries in front of the chapel. Teresa asked if we could put up a donation box for people who walk through to donate funds to HPC- She wanted it reflected on the minutes that no response was given.
- C. Don discussed the report of Trade St in section A.
 - D. Denise gave an update of her work on the HMV Inventory- she has pulled deeds matching up names and addresses. Teresa prepared document of items still needed to be completed by December 31, 2021. Marci's Bakery was the old movie theatre. Showed only on Saturday afternoons, black and white movies, and did not have a balcony. The Subcommittee is still working on corrections, report must be submitted by 12/31/2021.
 - E. 2019-2021 Budget review, copies of expenses and credits have been requested from the town.
 - F. Applications to renew our positions on the HPC are due by 11/30/2021. It was discussed and Jerel McGeachy stated he would not be seeking a new term with HPC. It was noted that this December 2021 was the last meeting with the current committee.
 - G. Budget follow up- Jessie B to look into.
 - H. HPC's policy procedures and ordinances were provided by Jane to HPC via an emailed link. It is unknown if they are approved or just a draft. Jerel discussed making changes, Jessie recommended we table this until January and give the new committee the opportunity to decide how best to move forward

Jerel made a motion to adjourn at 7:14 PM. All in favor.

Next meeting to be held: 12/8/2021