

THE MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
APRIL 11, 2022

A regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was held on Monday, April 11, 2022 at 5:30 P.M. in the conference room at City Hall.

Members present: Blanche Hailey
 Everall Peele
 Louise Price
 Frank Reid
 Charles Yarbrough
 Beth Pulliam

Members absent: Rick Willis
 Jim Fink

Staff present: Debbie Galloway, Planner

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Galloway.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Mrs. Pulliam made a motion that the same officers be re-elected (Blanche Hailey, Chair; Everall Peele, Vice Chair). Mrs. Peele declined the nomination and nominated Beth Pulliam for Vice Chair. Mrs. Pulliam also declined the nomination. Mrs. Peele nominated Frank Reid for Vice Chair. Mrs. Price seconded the motion for Blanche Hailey, Chair, and Frank Reid, Vice Chair. All members present voted in favor of the motion the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of a regular meeting on March 14, 2022 were presented to the Commission. Mr. Reid made a motion that the minutes be approved. Mrs. Peele seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

SPRAY COTTON MILL LOCAL LANDMARK.

Mrs. Galloway said she was working on the local landmark report and would present this at the next meeting.

COKE MURAL.

Mrs. Galloway said that she had given the Commission's recommendation to not repaint the Coke mural on the Hotel to Randy Hunt. She said this was not binding, but the property owner could use it to make his decision.

MEBANE BRIDGE.

Mrs. Galloway said the City had received a letter from NCDOT regarding their intention to demolish the Mebane Bridge. She said she didn't know if they could affect the decision, but she felt that they should try, since the bridge is a historic structure. The Commission agreed. Mrs. Price made a motion to landmark the Mebane Bridge. Mrs. Peele seconded the motion. All member present voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried. Mrs. Galloway said she would begin working on the landmark report and she would make the Commission's recommendation known to the City.

GUS SHINN MURAL LOCATION.

There was discussion about a possible location for the mural. Mrs. Pulliam suggested the Fire Station on Morgan Road. Mrs. Galloway said she would ask about this. Mrs. Price also suggested the retaining wall at Aiken Road and Riverside Drive.

ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION:

MEETING ATTENDANCE.

Mr. Reid commented that if Commission members did not regularly attend meetings, that they should resign or be replaced. Mrs. Galloway discussed the meeting attendance policy, but said it is ultimately up to the City Council members to appoint and replace members.

HISTORIC CEMETERIES.

Mrs. Price mentioned an old Confederate cemetery on Bridge St. She also mentioned a grave near the old Spray YMCA. The cemetery at the Freedom Park Nature Trail was also discussed. It was noted that there might be historic preservation funding for cemetery restoration/preservation.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra W. Galloway, Administrative Assistant
to the Eden Preservation Commission

Attest:

Blanche Hailey, Chair