

THE MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MARCH 14, 2022

A regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was held on Monday, March 14, 2022 at 5:30 P.M. in the conference room at City Hall.

Members present: Blanche Hailey
 Everall Peele
 Louise Price
 Frank Reid

Members absent: Rick Willis
 Jim Fink
 Beth Pulliam
 Charles Yarbrough

Staff present: Debbie Galloway, Planner

Prior to the meeting, Blanche Hailey was sworn in for a new term of office. Since several members had not been officially sworn in, the members present constituted a quorum.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of a regular meeting on November 8, 2021 were presented to the Commission. Mrs. Price 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.

ELECTION OF OFFICE:

Since several members were absent, the members present decided to table the election of officers.

NEW BUSINESS:

BUDGET ITEMS.

Mrs. Galloway presented the list of budget items and asked if there were any additions or deletions. Since there were no changes, she said she would present the budget request as-is. It was noted that the Commission really wanted to do the fountain in the Spray traffic circle in honor of Marianne Aiken. Mrs. Price noted that the Eden Preservation Society had raised money to install a fountain when the circle was re-done and that they had gotten approval from NCDOT.

COKE MURAL.

Mrs. Galloway said that the owners of the Central Hotel were considering repainting the mural on the side of the hotel, but they wanted approval from the Commission for historical purposes. There was discussion about how long the mural had been on the side of the building, and it was noted that the mural was not original to the building. Some members did not think it was right to give "free advertising" to a large corporation, especially since the mural was not original to the building.

Mrs. Price made a motion to recommend against repainting the Coke mural on the hotel. Mrs. Hailey seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

Mrs. Price also noted that the Commission needed to move ahead with protecting the mural in the alleyway by the coffee shop. Mrs. Galloway said she would proceed with this, and asked Mrs. Price to get her the information she has on the sign painter.

SPRAY COTTON MILL LOCAL LANDMARK REQUEST.

Mrs. Galloway presented proposed plans for the renovation of the Spray Cotton Mill. She said she was working on the local landmark report and would present this at the next meeting.

ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION:

BARNETT FAMILY CEMETERY.

Mrs. Price said the Barnett family cemetery was located off of Howe Street. The Barnetts were the founding family of Spray. Mrs. Price asked if the City might help with cleanup and maintenance of the cemetery. Mrs. Galloway said they could look into it.

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