

THE MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
March 13, 2023

A regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was held on Monday, March 13, 2023 at 5:30 P.M. in the Planning Department conference room at City Hall.

Members present: Eric Prunty
 Louise Price
 Jackie Valentine
 Charles Yarbrough
 Blanche Hailey

Members absent: *Frank Reid
 Beth Pulliam
 Wanda Stophel

Staff present: Jeff Alderman, Planner

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Hailey.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of a regular meeting on February 13, 2023 were presented to the Commission. Mrs. Valentine made a motion that the minutes be approved. Mr. Yarbrough seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

No New Business was presented to the Commission.

OLD BUSINESS:

GUS SHINN MURAL PROJECT UPDATE.

Mr. Alderman stated to the Commission that he had a site visit at Ramsey's Barber Shop in the Spray area of Eden. He informed the Commission that the property owner has agreed to let the Commission use the building for the Gus Shinn Mural. Mrs. Price asked if the postcard that is planned to be used as the mural has any copyright restrictions. Mr. Alderman stated that according to the National Science Foundation's website information about General Restrictions, there are no copyright restrictions, and a "Courtesy: National Science Foundation" notation on the mural would be best policy. Mr. Yarbrough made a motion to approve Ramsey's Barber Shop as the site location for the Gus Shinn Mural. Mrs. Valentine seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Alderman also presented to the Commission examples of mural art from artist Mary ED Ryan. Mr. Alderman asked the Commission members for their thoughts on the examples. Members discussed the topic further amongst themselves. Mr. Alderman also stated that he would discuss the legalities of the mural project with the City Attorney, Erin Gilley. Mrs. Price referred Jenny Edwards, Director of the Rockingham County Arts Council, to Mr. Alderman as a contact for obtaining a local artist for the project. Members discussed the topic further amongst themselves.

SPRAY TRAFFIC CIRCLE FOUNTAIN PROJECT.

Mr. Alderman stated to the Commission that he had been in contact with the NC DOT regional representative about the Fountain Project. Mr. Alderman stated that the representative was aware of the project and forwarded Mr. Alderman email conversations pertaining to the project. Mr. Alderman stated to the Commission that, according to NC DOT, the fountain project should be approved. Mr. Alderman also stated that he has had trouble getting in contact with a representative from the NC DEQ to discuss the Fountain Project. Members discussed the topic further amongst themselves. Mr. Alderman presented the Commission with an example of a fountain, one that could use old metal beams from the Spray Cotton Mill facility. Members discussed the topic further amongst themselves.

ITEMS FROM STAFF.

Mr. Alderman stated to the Commission that while at a site visit for the Gus Shinn Mural, the owners of Mitchell Drug Store granted the HPC permission to use one of their buildings for a Spray Cotton Mill Mural Project. Members discussed the topic further amongst themselves.

After discussion from the Commission, Mr. Alderman stated that he would be in contact with the owner of the Spray Cotton Mill to discuss the process moving forward.

After discussion from the Commission, Mr. Alderman stated that he had notice the condition of the sign for Morehead Park. Mrs. Price stated that the sign/park was part of the Eden Historical Society, which informed Mr. Alderman that it is a separate entity from the City of Eden Historic Preservation Commission. Members discussed the topic further amongst themselves.

ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION.

Mr. Yarbrough inquired about the Spray Traffic Circle Fountain Project. Members discussed the topic further amongst themselves.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,



Jeff Alderman, Administrative Assistant
to the Eden Preservation Commission

Attest:



Blanche Hailey, Chair