THE MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

April 16, 2018

A regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was held on Monday, April 16, 2018 at 5:30 P.M. in the conference room at City Hall.

Members present: Blanche Hailey

 Jean Harrington

 Everall Peele

 Marianne Aiken

 Beth Pulliam

 George Underwood

Members absent: Louise Price

 Charles Yarbrough

Staff present: Debbie Galloway, Planner

The meeting was called to order by Chair Blanche Hailey.

**SET MEETING AGENDA:**

There were no additions or changes to the agenda. The agenda was set.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The minutes of a regular meeting on March 19, 2018 were presented to the Commission. Mrs. Aiken referred to the comments about the Church of the Epiphany. It was noted that the church probably did not apply for National Register designation because of the cost.

Mrs. Pulliam 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.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH STEEPLE REPLACEMENT.

There was discussion about the meeting and the process followed by the Baptist church.

Mrs. Harrington said it was a “done deal” and that the decision had been made. She said that any property that totally disregarded the National Register designation should not be included on the register, and it was her opinion that the church should be taken off. It was noted that the Commission should not do anything until the replacement had actually been made.

Mrs. Galloway noted that the church would probably need a building permit to replace the steeple.

HISTORIC PROPERTIES INVENTORY.

Mrs. Galloway said she was working on getting a list of properties on the inventory.

Mrs. Aiken asked for a list of landmarked properties. Mrs. Galloway said she would get it.

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FERRY ROAD SIGN.

Mrs. Galloway reported that the road would not qualify for a State Historic Marker since it did not have statewide significance. However, she said the Commission could pay for the sign privately.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

LITTLE RED SCHOOLHOUSE.

Chair Hailey reported that Sylvain Couzinet-Jacques had been in town recently with two other artists. She said he wished to partner with Piedmont Folk Legacies and Mrs. Price to operate a music school for youth in the schoolhouse. She said he had removed some walls to open up the space so the building could be used for classroom and display space. Chair Hailey said Mr. Couzinet-Jacques had also brought in an artist from Raleigh who was interested in the project.

Mrs. Galloway said there would be building code issues that would have to be addressed.

**ITEMS FROM STAFF:**

SPRAY COTTON MILL.

Mrs. Galloway reported that the new owner of the property had applied for a rezoning to be able to develop the property for mixed use, including commercial and residential space. She said he would then need to apply for a special use permit for this type of use.

**ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION:**

OLD PONTIAC BUILDING.

Chair Hailey reported that the owner of the building planned to convert it into retail space and a restaurant.

**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