

**MINUTES ADOPTED BY THE GREENVILLE HISTORIC PRESERVATION
COMMISSION**

November 27, 2012

The Greenville Historic Preservation Commission held a meeting on the above date at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of City Hall located at 200 West Fifth Street.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

JEREMY JORDAN, CHAIR
RYAN WEBB
RICHARD WEIR
JORDAN KEARNEY

KERRY CARLIN
DAVID HURSH
ANN SCHWARZMANN
MAURY YORK

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: SETH LAUGHLIN, PLANNER II; ELIZABETH BLOUNT, STAFF SUPPORT SPECIALIST.

OTHERS PRESENT: BILL LITTLE, ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY; REID THOMAS, REPRESENTATIVE OF NORTH CAROLINA STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE; AND JONATHAN EDWARDS, COMMUNICATIONS TECHNICIAN.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

Chairman Jordan stated that a presentation from Third Street Community Center and an update on the Intermodal Transportation Center needed to be added to the agenda. Mr. Carlin made a motion to amend the agenda as stated, Mr. Weir seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Weir made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Mr. Hursh seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation on State and Federal Tax Credit Opportunities for Historic Properties

Mr. Reid Thomas spoke on the Historic Preservation tax incentives and several projects in Northeastern North Carolina. He stated that the state office is working with approximately 50 organizations and how individuals can take advantage of tax credit benefits.

Mr. York asked how board members can encourage people to take advantage of the tax credits.

Mr. Thomas stated that having tax credit workshops along with talking to individuals in the historic areas about other home owners benefits such as energy efficiency tips and maintenance during a recession might be helpful.

Third Street Community Center

Mr. Walter Strathy, Executive Director of Third Street Community Center, made a presentation about the center. The organization is a Christ-centered 501c(3) nonprofit organization which strives for community transformation from the inside out. They are currently working with several organizations in the community to help with family and youth development, health and wellness, business and economic development and job creation and workforce development.

Mr. York asked how the grounds will be used.

Mr. Strathy stated the back gate is open recreation and there is a toddler playground. The exact plans have not been determined but they plan on having events for the community. They do not plan on building on the grounds.

Mr. Webb thanked Mr. Strathy and the volunteers for all the work being done to the building and agreed that the organization is making great use of the property.

Intermodal Transportation Center Update

Mr. Ryan Webb provided an update on the location of the Greenville Transportation and Activity Center. He showed the two proposed sites and the plan of action for the buses. He stated that he would like to see the bricks and doors from the old buildings be used in the construction of the new site.

Mr. York asked if the Pitt Street site would affect the Paul Gianino's Furniture Store.

Mr. Webb stated that originally it was included in the parcel but the owner attended a meeting so now the site will be right beside it.

Mr. Webb asked if the board did a resolution for the bus station and if so could it be sent to City Council before December.

Mr. Laughlin stated he would check on it.

Minor Works COA's

Staff reported minor works issued at (1) 600 W. Third St. – repair of roof ; (2) 1303 E. 5th St. – replace concrete pad with antique red brick, replace the red brick on rear patio,

and repair front façade and replace with like materials; (3) 4th street Property – replaced a shingle roof

Chairman Jordan opened the public comment period.

No one spoke during public comment period.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Design Review Committee had not met.

Publicity Committee had not met.

Selection Committee had not met.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Jordan stated that the Commission will not meet in December.

Mr. Laughlin stated that election of officers will take place on January 22, 2013.

Chairman Jordan stated that he is not eligible to run as an officer again. Mr. Laughlin also stated that Ms Schwarzmänn's and Mr. Webb's terms expire in January 2013. Ms Schwarzmänn will not be renewing her term.

Mr. Webb asked the length of the term and to verify if his term is unexpired.

Mr. Laughlin stated he would check on it.

Mr. Webb asked if the architectural elements of the homes in the renovation areas can be saved.

Mr. Laughlin stated he will put a request in and get back with the board concerning the status.

Mr. Hursh asked what the dates for the guidelines pertained to.

Mr. Laughlin stated the dates were from the State Historic Preservation Office to ensure the grant timelines were met. The next meeting for the consultant to return will be in February.

Mr. Webb asked would public input sessions be separate from the HPC meetings.

Mr. Laughlin stated yes and that he received a proposed survey from the consultant and

would email a copy to the board members.

With there being no further discussion, Mr. Webb made the motion to adjourn, Mr. Weir seconded it and it passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Seth Laughlin, Planner II