

**DRAFT OF MINUTES PROPOSED FOR ADOPTION BY THE
GREENVILLE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

July 15, 2009

The Greenville Historic Preservation Commission held a special meeting on the above date at 5:30 p.m. in the third floor conference room of City Hall located at 200 West Fifth Street.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Minnie Anderson
Roger Kammerer

Ryan Webb
Ashley Wetherington

Dennis Chestnut

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Seth Laughlin, Planner; Sarah Radcliff, Secretary; David Holec, City Attorney

Mr. Laughlin stated the first item of business was to elect a Chair and Vice Chair.

Minnie Anderson nominated Dennis Chestnut for Chair.

Dennis Chestnut nominated Roger Kammerer for Chair.

Mr. Chestnut stated he would like to decline.

Mr. Kammerer stated he would also like to decline and nominate Ryan Webb for Chair.

Mr. Holec asked Ms. Anderson if she wished to withdraw her nomination since Mr. Chestnut did not accept.

Ms. Anderson said she did not want to withdraw it.

Mr. Chestnut asked if he declined what could she do.

Mr. Holec stated legally the board could still elect him as Chair. He said the usual course would be to accept his wishes and withdraw the nomination.

Ms. Anderson withdrew her nomination.

Mr. Holec stated Mr. Kammerer had also declined and asked Mr. Chestnut if he wanted to withdraw his nomination.

Mr. Chestnut withdrew his nomination.

Mr. Holec said they needed a nomination for someone who was willing to accept the position of Chair.

Ms. Radcliff stated Mr. Kammerer had nominated Ryan Webb.

Mr. Webb stated he would accept.

Mr. Holec asked if there were any other nominations for Chair.

Motion was made by Mr. Chestnut, seconded by Ms. Anderson, to close the nominations and elect Ryan Webb as the new Chair. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Holec asked if there were any nominations for Vice Chair.

Ms. Anderson nominated Dennis Chestnut for Vice Chair.

Mr. Holec asked if there were any other nominations.

Hearing none, motion was made by Ms. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Webb to close the nominations and elect Dennis Chestnut as Vice Chair. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Holec turned over the meeting to the new Chair, Ryan Webb.

Chairman Webb stated the next item on the agenda was appointments to the Design Review Committee. He said he thought the only remaining member was Roger Kammerer.

Mr. Laughlin stated Ashley Wetherington was also on the committee.

Mr. Holec stated the Chair was automatically on the committee so that gave them three. He said they could have up to four if they wished. He asked Mr. Laughlin what his preference would be.

Mr. Laughlin stated it was best to have more in case someone couldn't make a meeting.

Mr. Chestnut asked if Mr. Webb had to make the appointment today or if he could wait until new members have been appointed, and if there would be new members appointed to the commission.

Mr. Holec said Mr. Webb did not have to make the appointment today for the fourth person. He said Mr. Mercer would make recommendations to City Council for appointments to the commission as he receives applications in the talent bank.

Mr. Laughlin stated Ms. Elks was not aware of any applications currently in the talent bank.

Chairman Webb asked if it was better to leave the other committees open at this time.

Mr. Holec stated the Design Review Committee was the only committee with a task at hand.

Mr. Chestnut stated they also did not have a chairman for the Selection Committee.

Mr. Holec stated they would need to wait until the next meeting to discuss those items due to what was advertised for this special meeting.

Chairman Webb stated Ashley Wetherington, Roger Kammerer and himself would be on the Design Review Committee. He asked if anyone else wanted to be on the committee.

Ms. Anderson stated she would because she wasn't on any of the committees.

Chairman Webb stated he would like to add Minnie Anderson to the Design Review Committee giving them four members.

Mr. Laughlin stated the last item was discussion of the regular July meeting. He stated with only five members all needed to be present in order to hold a meeting. He said Mr. Chestnut had already informed him that he would be out of town and would not be able to make it.

Mr. Holec stated they would need a motion and a second to cancel the July meeting.

Chairman Webb asked what would happen with the FIG applications.

Mr. Holec said the DRC would meet and decide the process and recommendations and then schedule a special meeting of the HPC.

Ms. Anderson asked how quickly the appointments would be made. She said she knew of two people that were interested in being on the commission and thought they had submitted their application. She stated one of the names was Attorney Mark Stewart.

Ms. Radcliff stated she would check with the Clerk's office to see if they had received any applications.

Mr. Holec stated City Council wouldn't meet again until August 13th to make the new appointments.

Mr. Chestnut asked if it would be possible for the DRC to go ahead and meet and go through the FIG applications and then bring back their recommendations at the regularly scheduled August meeting, rather than trying to have another special meeting.

Mr. Holec stated that would be acceptable if the board voted that way.

Chairman Webb stated they needed a motion to cancel the July 28th meeting.

Motion was made by Ms. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Chestnut to cancel the July 28th meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Mr. Chestnut, seconded by Mr. Kammerer for the DRC to proceed with reviewing the FIGs and make their recommendations to the commission at the regular August meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Wetherington asked if she should recuse herself if the one with the Winslow's was discussed because of her involvement.

Mr. Laughlin said since they had already done the work they would only review their application if the city could still award the grant. He said Mr. Little said it could be done but they had set precedent for it to not be done that way in 2008.

Chairman Webb asked if that was something the commission could decide to change.

Mr. Holec said they would look into it.

Mr. Chestnut said he would like to proceed very carefully and procedurally at this time.

Mr. Holec said they would look into the issue. He told Ms. Wetherington they would be sure to let her know whether or not she needed to withdraw beforehand.

Motion was made by Mr. Kammerer, seconded by Mr. Chestnut to adjourn at 5:50pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Seth M. Laughlin
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