

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

January 23, 2007  
Greenville, NC

The Greenville Historic Preservation Commission held a meeting on the above date at 7:00 p.m. in the third floor conference room of the City Hall Building located at 200 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive.

**COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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| Dennis Chestnut            | Franceine Rees  | Chris Woelkers |
| Shelva Davis               | N. Yaprak Savut |                |
| Jeremy Jordan, Chair       | Rick Smiley     |                |
| Candace Pearce, Vice-Chair | Richard Weir    |                |

**COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Greg Jarrell

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Bill Little, Assistant City Attorney; Carl Rees, Urban Development Planner; and Tom Wisemiller, Planner I

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Pat Dunn, City Council Liaison

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW COMMISSION MEMBER**

Mr. Jordan introduced Mr. Chris Woelkers as the most recently appointed Commission member.

**ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA**

An update on historic signs was added as Item E. under New Business. Motion was made by Ms. Shelva Davis and seconded by Ms. Franceine Rees to approve the addition to the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 4, 2006**

Motion was made by Ms. Shelva Davis and seconded by Ms. Franceine Rees to approve the December 4, 2006 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Design Review Committee**

The Design Review Committee did not meet. Ms. Franceine Rees resigned from serving on the Design Review Committee. Ms. N. Yaprak Savut volunteered to serve on the Design Review Committee.

### **Selection Committee**

The Selection Committee did not meet.

### **Publicity Committee**

The Publicity Committee did not meet. Shelva Davis resigned from serving on the Publicity Committee. Chris Woelkers volunteered to serve on the Publicity Committee.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Election of Officers**

Ms. Franceine Rees nominated Mr. Jeremy Jordan as Chair.

Mr. Rick Smiley nominated Ms. N. Yaprak Savut as Chair.

Nominations were closed.

Mr. Jeremy Jordan received the majority vote to serve a second term as the Chair of the Commission.

Ms. Franceine Rees nominated Ms. N. Yaprak Savut as Vice-Chair.

Mr. Rick Smiley nominated Ms. Shelva Davis as Vice-Chair.

Ms. Davis declined the nomination.

Ms. N. Yaprak Savut received the majority vote to serve as Vice-Chair of the Commission.

### **Minor Works Certificate of Appropriateness (MWCOA) Report**

There was no Minor Works Certificate of Appropriateness to report.

## **402 South Library Street**

Mr. Wisemiller: The matter regarding 402 South Library Street stands as follows. The HPC Design Review Committee visited the property in September, along with Reid Thomas of the State Historic Preservation office. In the course of the visit, Mr. Thomas noticed that a residue of brick-colored stain that had once been applied to the exterior brick walls and foundation (property shortly after the house was built in the late 1940s/early 1950s). The stain had long since faded from much of the exterior, which is why staff had concluded it was not previously “coated with paint.” However, it seems reasonable to conclude, based on Mr. Thomas’s observations, that the property at one time had been coated by a stain, which for practical purposes might be considered equivalent to a coat of paint.

It might therefore also be interpreted – in retrospect – that Mr. Tant would have been able to complete a Minor Works COA to repaint the house in a historically appropriate color, if staff had known that stain was previously applied to the surface. Likewise, Mr. Tant might also be eligible to apply for a Minor Works COA to repaint the foundation in an historically appropriate color in the future.

The Design Review Committee concluded that Mr. Tant should be allowed to keep the paint without stripping it; however, the Commission needs to make a final determination about the property at 402 South Library Street.

Motion was made by Mr. Rick Smiley and seconded by Mr. Richard Weir that Mr. Tant be required to submit a Minor Work application for the work to Staff. Motion carried unanimously.

## **Certified Local Government (CLG) Grant Proposal**

Mr. Wisemiller: Staff is preparing to submit a CLG Grant application. One of the scoring criteria for the application is that in the process we are meeting goals of the North Carolina Historic Preservation. Some of the objectives would be:

1. create a blueprint for Citywide property, survey and designation;
2. insure that land use preservation and redevelopment go hand in hand;
3. capitalize on untapped historic resources to build greater association for historic preservation in the community;
4. incorporate greater diversity in historic preservation; and
5. establish a framework for preservation marketing techniques.

Motion was made by Ms. Candace Pearce and seconded by Mr. Rick Smiley for a grant to be pursued for a citywide historic preservation action and encourage staff to pursue this. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Update on Historic Signs**

Mr. Wisemiller: Recommended options are to concentrate the signs in the Skinnerville/Greenville Heights entry points and the College View neighborhood. The downtown, Dickinson Avenue and the Tobacco Warehouse Districts are likely to be incorporated into the way finding system. By the February meeting, Staff should have the detailed plan for the locations and the sign concept should be ready for final approval.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Wisemiller  
Planner I