

UNAPPROVED

MINUTES OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 23, 2012 THE CITY OF STARKVILLE, MISSISSIPPI

The Historic Preservation Commission of the City of Starkville, Mississippi held its regular meeting in the Building Department on the Second Floor of City Hall, located at 101 E. Lampkin Street. Present were Commissioners Michael Fazio, Joy Day Greene, Briar Jones, Jason Barrett, Tom Walker and Cyndi Sullivan. Commissioner Maxine Hamilton was absent. Chairman Fazio called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Attending the Commissioners was Interim Department Head Lynn Spruill.

AN ORDER APPROVING THE WRITTEN AGENDA

The Commission considered the matter of approval of the written agenda dated October 23, 2012. Commissioner Briar Jones made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Cyndi Sullivan seconded the motion and the Commission voted unanimously to approve the written agenda.

AN ORDER APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 25, 2012 MEETING

The Commission then considered the matter of approval of the minutes of the September 25, 2012 meeting. Commissioner Cyndi Sullivan made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Tom Walker seconded the motion and the Commission voted unanimously to approve said minutes as presented.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Chairman Fazio asked if any member of the public cared to address the Commission and no public comments were received.

DISCUSSION OF OLD BUSINESS

A. There came before the Commission a discussion of the results of the scheduled information meetings and the future public hearing schedule. Chairman Fazio stated that he had met with the staff of Coldwell Banker Realty, Prudential Realty, Responsible Development of Starkville (RDS) developer group. He said that the remaining realty group to be met with was ERA. Chairman Fazio indicated that there had been moderate to good attendance at the sessions and that the information had been fairly well received with no major indications of concerns.

Commissioner Sullivan stated that she has scheduled a meeting for the Overstreet District property owners at Overstreet School for Thursday, October 25th. She also stated that she had meetings with the Greensboro District and the Nash Street District. She indicated that the meetings were not particularly well attended but that those who were there had no major concerns.

B. The Commission began a general discussion of the timing of the public hearing and the requirements for notification. Commissioner Fazio presented an email from Alderman Corey representing that City Attorney Chris Latimer would be available to complete his analysis of the design standards after the legal obligation of November 1, 2012. Based on that timing, and after discussion related to the public hearing timed with the City Attorney's work schedule and the holiday schedule, there came a motion by Commissioner Briar Jones to hold the public hearing for the proposed local districts and standards for the Starkville Historic District on November 27th, 2012, to be held in the City Hall courtroom at 5:30 at the regularly scheduled date for the next Historic Preservation Commission meeting. The motion was duly seconded by Commissioner Cyndi Sullivan. The Commission voted unanimously to hold the required public hearing on November 27th, 2012 at 5:30 in the City Hall courtroom located at 101 East Lampkin Street.

There was subsequent discussion of the type of notice and to whom the notice would be provided. Interim department head, Lynn Spruill, stated that she would have to research the requirements for the public notice and determine the adequacy of the list of the recipients of the individual mailings for the public hearing.

DISCUSSION OF NEW BUSINESS

A. The Commission discussed the presentation of the maps of the districts as presented in the meeting packet. There was a general consensus of the correctness of the maps and Commissioner Tom Walker made a motion to accept the boundaries of the maps presented as an overview of the districts. Commissioner Cyndi Sullivan duly seconded the motion and the Commission unanimously approved the acceptance of the boundaries as presented in the maps for the historic districts of Greensboro Street, Nash Street and Overstreet.

B. The Commission next took up the matter of the election of a Chairman for the Commission as required in the By-laws. Commissioner Tom Walker made the motion to appoint Commissioner Michael Fazio as Chairman of the Historic Preservation Commission for the next term. The motion was duly seconded by Cyndi Sullivan. The Commission voted unanimously to appoint Dr. Michael Fazio as the Chairman of the Historic Preservation Commission for the City of Starkville.

The Commissioners moved to a discussion of the design standards document. Commissioner Jones presented the "Table of Contents" to include as discussed and requested at the previous meeting of September 25. After discussion, and a notice of a typographical formatting correction, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Walker to approve the addition of the "Table of Contents" for the design standards with the formatting change as discussed. The motion was duly seconded by Commissioner Jason Barrett. The Commission voted unanimously to approve the addition of the "Table of Contents" with the format revision as presented.

Chairman Fazio asked the City Planner if he had heard any feedback from the City Attorney regarding the design standards and he replied that he had not. Chairman Fazio then stated that he had contacted Alderman Corey and asked him to encourage the City Attorney to review the design standards and provide feedback to the City Planner as soon as possible.

PLANNER REPORT

Mr. Ben Griffith was noted and thanked for his service to the Commission and interim department head, Lynn Spruill stated that there was not a planner's report other than to reiterate the City's participation in the upcoming authorized public hearing and the need of the Board of Aldermen to determine their process for the public hearings based on the recommendations and considerations of the Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Jones made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Walker, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 5:55 PM. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission will be Tuesday, November 27, 2012 at 5:30 PM in the courtroom of City Hall located at 101 East Lampkin Street.

Michael Fazio, Chairman

Lynn Spruill, Interim Building Codes,
Planning Department Head