

# Montevallo Historic Preservation Commission

## September 4, 2018

### Minutes

Members present: W. Glosson, S. Godwin, H. G. McGaughy, M. Nix, J. Seaman, S. Vallides and M. Walker

Members absent: M. Goggins

Meeting site: Parnell Library

Meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m.

#### **Old Business**

The minutes from the August 7, 2018 meeting were read. S. Vallides made a motion to accept minutes as presented; H.G. McGaughy seconded; motion passed.

#### **New Business**

David Schneider met with Janice Seaman at the Mahler House on Thursday, August 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. They conducted a walk through to complete his report for the National Register Application. Janice stated that D. Schneider reported to her that the back door was wide open when he arrived. The break in was reported to the Montevallo Police Department. Nothing seemed to be missing from the home. Janice and Mr. Schneider also noticed that the air conditioning was not working in the house.

J. Seaman stated that she has received an invoice (\$2,000) from D. Schneider for his work at the Mahler House, She plans to submit the information to City Hall for payment this week.

Members discussed the conflicting reports on the location of the furniture from the Mahler home. Some city officials say that the furniture is in a climate controlled facility. At this date, the location of the facility has not been named. J. Seaman has also requested a list of items sold in the city's sale of Mahler house contents and the amount paid for each item. Herman Lehman says that the money went to the City but Dee Woodham states that the money went to the Shoal Creek Park Foundation. An earlier appraisal of the contents of the home was \$15,000. M. Goggins also prepared a digital photo library of the items in the home during the first week the City had ownership.

Repairs on the Mahler home should start on September 5, 2018. As of today, a project manager has not been named.

The Commission discussed the need for an archeological survey before sewer and water lines can be dug for SCP Pavilion and restrooms. There is a known presence of Indian settlements in our area and the property should be checked to insure that any possible artifacts are secured. The Commission was in agreement that grant money should be sought and the availability of money from the Alabama Historic Commission should be researched.

M. Walker expressed his desire for the MHPC to be involved in the writing of the specifications for the bids for contractor work at the Mahler House.

B. Glosson stated his concerns with the MOA that Dee Woodham presented to the City Council. The MOA was never discussed with the SCPF to include the MDCD or UM as partners in the agreement. His concern was that the MOA was misrepresented to the City Council and was added to the Council Agenda during the meeting, information disseminated to Council Members late in the meeting and voted on after the public comment session was over. The optics of the presentation and passage are very bad.

Members discussed their disappointment that information from the July 26, 2018 public hearing was not conveyed to members of the SCPF or City Council before meetings to nail down details for the plans to repair the Mahler home. This is of much concern to all members of the MHPC. It has also been noted that the request of the Executor of the Mahler Estate, Gary Muehlbauer, for the repairs of the Mahler House be under the direction of the MHPC were also not reported to the SCPF or City Council before a vote was taken. As of today, the minutes from the meeting have not been posted on the City website.

S. Godwin asked for clarification of Mayor Cost's new rule that only City Council members report for the Boards/Commissions they are assigned. M. Walker stated that, if a city employee/department head is asked to speak, they will do so.

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.