

Montevallo Historic Preservation Commission

Minutes

Tuesday, March 8, 2022

6:00 pm

City of Montevallo Council Chambers

Members in Attendance:

Susan Godwin

Valerie Johnson

Kathy King

Gregory Reese

Anitka Stewart Sims

Janice Seaman

Sherry Vallides

Call to Order:

- Establish quorum: 6:01 pm
- Approval of minutes from February 2022: 6:04 pm
 - Motion: Reese; second: Johnson

Reports:

- Susan Godwin: Montevallo Historical Society
 - Montevallo Historical Society is a 501.c.3 organization: discussed some of the goals of the group.
- Anitka Stewart: Untold Stories of Black Montevallo
 - 6th instalment submitted to Chamber Chatter
 - Discussion: connections between the article to the African American Historical Trail and marker(s), plus additional connections to community sites
 - Kathy King discussed how to make visible and present historic individuals: additional signage that would be more than just names, for example including pictures and relevant information
- Kathy King: Certified Local Government (CLG) Training and Funding Opportunities
 - Hand out of funding opportunities circulated
 - K. King requests that each member come back with a target program
 - Training
 - Training opportunities; COVID-19 pandemic has paused or cancelled a great many trainings
 - Head of training and programs:
 - Orientation and refreshers / new ideas and opportunities
 - K. King will send out an official CLG training
 - National Park Service (NPS)
 - Online modules and trainings
 - National Alliance of Preservation Commissions (NAPC)
 - “Bridging the Divide,” a Forum in Cincinnati, OH July 13-17, 2022
 - National Trust for Historic Preservation
 - Webinar: March 30, “Brown v Board”
 - <https://forum.savingplaces.org/learn/conferences-training/forum-webinar>

Old Business:

- Montevallo Historic Preservation Commission (MHPC) organization (addresses issues of Certificate of Appropriateness [CoA] procedures)
 - Funding deadlines have largely passed for this year; this means more time to develop strong grant proposals for next funding year
 - Design Review Committee (DRC) documentation:
<https://cityofmontevallo.com/AgendasAndMinutes.aspx?CNID=3650>
 - Materials archived from 2019
 - Discussion of City of Montevallo structures
 - DRC – applications and granting of CoA (plus, at present, easements); relevant review material sent by the county
 - Necessity of adding a member of the MHPC to the DRC as a liaison
 - Clear distinctions need to be made between the duties, responsibilities, obligations, etc. of each board / committee / board
 - MHPC – chief responsibility is to “put a priority on identifying, protecting and promoting their historic places” (source: <https://ahc.alabama.gov/CLG.aspx>)
- Discussion of bylaw revisions, specifically adding officer duties/responsibilities
 - Motion to approve undertaking revisions: 6:59 (Reese; second, Sims)

New Business:

- Bylaw annual review: to be completed in the next month
 - Johnson, Godwin, King
- Website update/review:
 - Johnson will coordinate city websites with Lisa Shapiro
 - Alabama Historical Commission / NPS

Topics tabled for discussion next month:

- Frequency of meetings (presently monthly; previously quarterly)
- Projects for members to research and bring suggestions:
 - African American Heritage Trail
 - Mahler House
 - Powell Cemetery
 - Developing new candidates for the National Register
- Develop citizen taskforces to assist in the projects / craft working committees

Adjournment: 7:16

Next meeting: April 12, 2022 at 6pm