

Montevallo Historic Preservation Commission

Minutes

Jan 10, 2023

6:00 pm

City Council Chamber

Members:

Veronica Bailey

Melinda Nix

Bill Glosson

Janice Seaman

Susan Godwin

Valerie Johnson

Sherry Valides

Kathy King

Call to Order: 6:05 pm

- Establish quorum
- Approve minutes: approved as amended, 6:15 pm

Chair's Reports:

- CLG grant funding cycle
- Shoal Creek Graveyard GPR survey
 - Clearing / preparing for a city crew to come in before – call for help from the MHPC
- Section 106 review for Post Office landscaping project
 - Chair reports on the examination of the project
 - Determination by Eric D. Sipes, Assistant State Archeologist in the Historic Preservation Division of the AHC, conveyed by Chair in email of 12/29/2023, was that the project did not require a review
 - Some members of the Commission disagree with the Chair's report of the judgment by the head of the AHC and are making queries with Department of the Interior
 - Sherry will follow up on the matter; motion passes

Other Reports:

- Prentice marker (Melinda)
 - No report at present
- Letter to Pastors of Black Churches Eligible to Apply for Historical Markers
 - Discussion of plaques and placement
 - Discussion with Anita Stewart Sims (as member of the public) regarding the churches
 - Motion to move letter to the Mayor; motion passes

New Business:

- Vallides: discussion of need to overview Design Review Committee (DRC) information and procedures; meeting to be held 1/17/2023 6pm, either City Hall or Parnell Library
- Seaman: discussion of the Victory Auto Building (a contributing building to the historic district), informative concern regarding current status of the building
 - Per concerns and discussion in the Montevallo Development Cooperative District meeting of December 2022 and another reference in January 2023; reference in City Council Executive Session (2022)
 - Concern that demolition or rezoning without following procedure and bringing the matter before the MHPC in its capacity as a Design Review Committee will harm Montevallo's CLG status
 - 1990 Application to expand the boundaries of the Montevallo Historic District: <https://npgallery.nps.gov/NRHP/AssetDetail/88bf7714-c8b0-4499-8ea7-55e9ac0a7d02>
 - Reference number: 90001529
- Election of Chair and Vice-Chair in February
 - Motion passes to hold elections at February meeting

Adjournment: 7:12 pm

DRC Organizing Meeting: 17 Feb. 2023

Next regular meeting: 8 Feb. 2023