

Montevallo Historic Preservation Commission
Minutes
Tuesday, February 14, 2023
6:00 p.m.
City Council Chamber

Members Present:

Veronica Bailey, Tara Brantley, Bill Glosson, Susan Godwin, Melinda Nix, Janice Seaman and Sherry Vallides
Guest: James Salter

Call to Order:

A quorum was established and Bill Glosson called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Pressing Business:

B. Glosson called for the election of officers.

Susan Godwin nominated Janice Seaman to serve as Chairperson of the Commission. Melinda Nix seconded the motion and Ms. Seaman was elected by unanimous vote.

S. Godwin nominated Sherry Vallides to serve as Vice Chairperson of the Commission. J. Seaman seconded the motion and Ms. Vallides was elected by unanimous vote.

S. Vallides nominated Melinda Nix to serve as Secretary to the Commission. S. Godwin seconded the motion and Ms. Nix was elected by unanimous vote.

Minutes from the January 10, 2023 meeting were read by J. Seaman. A motion was made by S. Vallides to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by V. Bailey and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Outgoing Chair's Announcements:

Councilwoman Mitchell confirmed that Epsibeth Missionary Baptist Church in Aldrich has been listed on the Alabama Places in Peril Register. Application was submitted by Pastor Lorenzo Mitchell.

Letters from the mayor indicating city support for Black Heritage Council historic plaques have been sent to Ward Chapel AME and Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church.

The cemetery area at Shoal Creek Park has been prepared for the GPR survey. The two-day survey awaits a break in the rain. (4-5 days without precipitation required.)

New Business:

Mr. James Salter was present at the meeting and presented an application from Ward Chapel AME for plaque placement on their church. J. Seaman accepted the paperwork.

New Business (con'd):

J. Seaman will contact Lisa Shapiro to ensure that all MHPC member information is updated on the city website and that all previous business related to the commission be sent to the new officers.

B. Glosson accepted the task of conducting a review of the MHPC page on the city website and suggest edits and changes at the March meeting.

Tara Brantley volunteered to take the lead position for the AAHT. Ms. Brantley indicated that she would contact Kathy King to obtain information related to the trail.

M. Nix requested permission from the commission to contact Shelby County Board of Education regarding plaque placement on Montevallo Middle School indicating it's importance to the city as a "Separate but Equal" Black High School during the civil rights movement. J. Seaman made a motion giving M. Nix permission from the commission to contact SCBOE regarding plaque. Susan Godwin seconded and motion was passed unanimously.

S. Vallides and M. Nix agreed to work together on the Shoal Creek Park cemetery project. Members discussed asking Marty Everse to help with the project.

Members discussed asking the city to join the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions and the Alabama Historical Association. M. Nix made a motion to request membership to the NACP and AHA. S. Godwin seconded the motion and motion passed unanimously.

S. Godwin reported that Steve Gilbert, City Clerk, has approved for five maps from the Shelby County Planning Services to be laminated and wanted commission approval to proceed. S. Vallides made motion for maps to be laminated using MHPC funds; M. Nix seconded and motion was passed unanimously.

S. Vallides made a motion to change MHPC meetings back to the first Tuesday of each month at Parnell Memorial Library; J. Seaman seconded and motion passed unanimously.

S. Godwin presented additional information for the ADRB binders. Information included contained CLG Handbook and "When Agencies Don't Follow The Rules".

Members discussed procedures for items to come before the ADRB and stated frustrations with the Board still being out of the loop with the hotel proposal at the Victory Auto site.

J. Seaman reported that city workers are about to begin sheet rock demolition on the first floor of the Mahler House.

B. Glosson made motion to adjourn; V. Bailey seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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