

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

ATHENS HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

APRIL 6, 2023

3:30 P.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairperson Will Houston
Timberly Guffey
Laura Lenoir
Jona Garrett

MEMBERS ABSENT

Lauren Brown
Jordan Curtis
Richard Newman

OTHERS ATTENDING

Nora Cardin
Anthony Casteel

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of February 2, 2023 regular meeting minutes

The minutes of the February 2, 2023, regular meeting were read and approved on motion by Laura Lenoir; seconded by Jona Garrett; vote -- unanimous

OLD BUSINESS

1. Brochure discussion

Mrs. Cardin said Mrs. Lenoir emailed her some information about houses that were in Ms. Garrett and Mr. Curtis' section, so she forwarded it to each of them.

Mrs. Lenoir had a copy from when they first laid out the Ingleside District. She said Mrs. Cardin is going to copy it and make it available to the other Commissioners. They had lots identified by letters and numbers. It gives the name of W.D Henderson who was trustee of that group.

Mrs. Cardin explained to Mrs. Guffey about the brochure and which houses were assigned to her (marked in purple on the map). They split them up evenly.

Mrs. Lenoir explained to her how to go to the courthouse and get the information on deeds. She talked about city directories and census reports.

Chairperson Houston said they would like to have information on when the house was built, the family that built it, and style/architectural features.

Mrs. Lenoir asked about the survey that was done early on that tells what the people from Chattanooga thought the styles were.

Mrs. Cardin said she and Mr. Casteel (Community Development Director), have a copy but it is a large file. She would see if it could be sent. She said she had on her notes from a previous meeting that they were all wanting to meet at the register of deeds at some point.

Mrs. Lenoir said don't be discouraged because a lot of the documents at the Register of Deeds office are from the 1930's. She said they could also get information from newspapers.com but you have to subscribe to it. She said there is a newspaper that is free that is called Chronicling America.

Mrs. Cardin asked if they wanted her to contact Cheryl Ingram at the Register of Deeds office to see if they can set up a time for them to go learn more about the process of researching deeds.

Mrs. Garrett said she thinks it will be helpful for her and all involved.

Mrs. Lenoir said there was a suggestion about talking to the owners because they may have photographs. If they are going to put it in print then they need it documented. They can't use "word of mouth" as a reliable source.

Chairperson Houston said that's why it is safer to stick to more easily verifiable things such as dates and names.

Mrs. Cardin said she would contact Mrs. Ingram and try to set up a time that is good for everyone.

Mrs. Lenoir said by doing this right and promoting it to the people in the neighborhood, it makes the treasures they have more appreciated.

Chairperson Houston said if they are doing a digital format first, there are no restrictions on the number of photos used, whereas if there will be a hardcopy of a brochure, they will either need to do none or select a few.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Ratification of Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) for Roger and Sue Parsons- 13 Walcon Lane- for repainting of exterior siding, trim and doors in the same colors.**

Mrs. Cardin said to paint they did not have to submit a COA application. The Guidelines do not dictate paint colors. The owners included in the application that if they run into any damaged wood, they are going to replace it with same size and style lumber, as far as trim and siding goes. They are going back with the same paint color. Staff has already administratively approved this and it now has to be ratified.

MOTION: To ratify the Certificate of Appropriateness.

MADE: Laura Lenoir

SECOND: Timberly Guffey

VOTE: Unanimous

MOTION PASSED



Will Houston, Chairperson



Timberly Guffey, Secretary