

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION HELD JANUARY 13, 2009

The Historic Preservation Commission of the City of Eufaula met in regular session on Tuesday, January 13, 2009, at 4:00 p.m. in the Municipal Courtroom at the Eufaula Police Department Complex, 545 East Barbour Street. Upon call of the roll of the following members were present: Chairman Terry Honan, Vice Chairman Curtis Williams, Doug Purcell, Joel Smith, Sr., David Ongemach, Judi Mathisen. Absent: Bruce Turner. Also present: City Planner Tim Milner, Building Inspector Bill Klein, Building Inspector Kenny Hayes.

Chairman Honan opened the meeting by reading a statement of intent and purpose of the Historic Preservation Commission: "The Eufaula Historic Preservation Commission was established by City of Eufaula Ordinance 2001-2 on March 5, 2001. The purpose of the Commission is to promote the preservation of buildings, structures and sites of historic and architectural value within our city. All of the members of the Commission are unpaid volunteers. We are here today to review applications to see if the design of the proposed projects meet the design review manual requirements established by the city council for projects in the locally designated historic district."

Mr. Purcell moved to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2008 work session and regular meeting. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Roll call vote was recorded as follows: Yeas: Chairman Honan, Vice Chairman Williams, Mr. Purcell, Mr. Smith, Mr. Ongemach, Ms. Mathisen. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Chairman Honan introduced visitors to the meeting: Tiffany Woo, Alice Jane Simms, Dee Kellogg, Jim Mathisen, John and Linda Bristow, Ray Buckingham, and Mr. Andre Freeman.

The first item on the agenda was a request for Certificate of Appropriateness from Eric and Donna Fiel for roof replacement at 422 North Randolph Avenue. Alice Jane Simms addressed the Commission on behalf of the applicants and presented a sample of the shingle that is to be used on the project, which is the same type and color (textured architectural grade) that was used on the Archibald home two months ago. It was also noted the existing metal roofing over the side and back porches will also be replaced with new metal in the same design, and metal roofing over the addition in the back of the house will be replaced with shingles. After discussion, Ms. Mathisen moved to approve the application as submitted. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. Roll call vote was recorded as follows: Yeas: Chairman Honan, Vice Chairman Williams, Mr. Purcell, Mr. Smith, Mr. Ongemach, Ms. Mathisen. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Chairman Honan noted further discussion of the Eufaula Carnegie Library Certificate of Appropriateness for paint color was scheduled to be held at today's meeting under old business, but since no representative of the library was present, discussion would be deferred until a representative could be present.

Mr. Andre Freeman addressed the Commission, stating he is a paint contractor and is interested in doing work within the locally designated historic district and noted he would re-paint the library at cost.

Under new business, Chairman Honan opened the floor for election of officers. He stated Mr. Ongemach has indicated his willingness to serve as chairman and called for a motion to nominate him as such. Dee Kellogg inquired if audience members could have an opportunity to speak prior to vote, and stated many property owners in the district would prefer to see more people who live in the district as a quorum of the Commission's leadership. Chairman Honan suggested Ms. Kellogg address her concerns to the city council and mayor, as they are responsible for the selection of the Commission's membership. Ms. Mathisen then nominated Joel Smith, Sr. to serve as chairman; however, Mr. Smith declined the nomination. Mr. Smith moved to nominate Mr. Ongemach as chairman. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. Roll call vote was recorded as follows: Yeas: Chairman Honan, Vice Chairman Williams, Mr. Purcell, Mr. Smith. Nays: Ms. Mathisen. Mr. Ongemach abstained from vote. Motion carried.

Mr. Purcell moved to nominate Curtis Williams to continue as vice chairman of the Commission. Mr. Ongemach seconded the motion. Voice vote was unanimous.

Mr. Purcell stated he is aware the city is working on several projects in the downtown area that will need to come before the Historic Preservation Commission for approval. Mr. Milner stated he will follow up on the matter.

Chairman Honan asked if there was any new information on the Martin Theatre property. Mr. Klein stated there was none.

Mr. Purcell asked if any communication had been received from Chris Sellers or Sonny Harrison. Chairman Honan stated he would follow up with both.

Chairman Honan asked if any funds were available for members to attend continuing education. Ms. Bush stated she would follow up with the city clerk and advise.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, motion was duly made and seconded to adjourn.

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Terry Honan, Chairman

ATTEST:

Teri Bush, Secretary/CLG Liaison

