

**MINUTES OF A WORK SESSION OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION  
COMMISSION HELD DECEMBER 9, 2008**

The Historic Preservation Commission of the City of Eufaula met in work session Tuesday, December 9, 2008, at 3:30 p.m. in the Municipal Courtroom at the Eufaula Police Department Complex, 545 East Barbour Street. Upon call of the roll the following members were present: Chairman Terry Honan, Vice Chairman Curtis Williams, Doug Purcell, David Ongemach, Bruce Turner and Judi Mathisen. Absent: Joel Smith, Sr. Also present: Mayor Jay Jaxon; Tiffany Woo, The Eufaula Tribune; Ron Cassady, TV 63.

Chairman Honan called the meeting to order.

Mayor Jaxon addressed the Commission and suggested better communication be established with property owners in the locally designated historic district. He suggested postcards be sent to property owners, and Realtors be encouraged to disclose that properties are in the district. Ms. Mathisen pointed out Alabama is a non-disclosure state, and Realtors are not required to disclose such information. Mayor Jaxon also discussed the importance of Commission members meeting the continuing education requirements as outlined in the ordinance creating the Commission.

Mr. Ongemach noted the Commission had discussed notifying licensed contractors of their obligation to abide by certain guidelines when doing business within the district. Chairman Honan pointed out he is aware of some cities that penalize the contractor if work is not permitted before it begins. Mayor Jaxon stated the Commission would need to send a proposal to City Council for consideration to amend the ordinance and include such language.

Discussion was held regarding election of officers. Chairman Honan stated he and Mr. Purcell have each served terms as chairman and do not wish to serve another term. Chairman Honan noted Mr. Ongemach has indicated his willingness to accept the chairmanship, if nominated, and Mr. Williams will continue as vice chair, if nominated. Ms. Mathisen stated she does not believe property owners in the district will be pleased with a chairman who does not live within the district or the city limits. Election of officers will be placed on the January meeting agenda for consideration.

Chairman Honan reported all the books and publications that were purchased with Alabama Historic Commission grant funds are now at the Historic Chattahoochee Commission's office. He asked any available Commission members to meet with him on Monday, December 15, at 10:00 a.m. to help stamp and shelve the books.

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

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OF THE CITY OF EUFAULA, ALABAMA  
A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

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Terry Honan, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Teri Bush, Secretary/CLG Liaison