

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION HELD MAY 12, 2009

The Historic Preservation Commission of the City of Eufaula met in regular session Tuesday, May 12, 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 the following members were present: Chairman David Ongemach, Doug Purcell, Terry Honan, Judi Mathisen. Vice Chairman Curtis Williams entered at 4:04 p.m. Absent: Joel Smith, Sr., Bruce Turner.

Also present: Tiffany Woo, The Eufaula Tribune; Bill Klein and Kenny Hayes, City Building Inspectors; and visitors Glenn Kasper, Jim Mathisen, Rita Benavides, and Ray Buckingham.

Chairman Ongemach 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 April 14, 2009 work session. Mrs. Mathisen seconded the motion. Roll call vote was recorded as follows: Yeas: Chairman Ongemach, Vice Chairman Williams, Mr. Purcell, Mr. Honan, Mrs. Mathisen. Motion carried.

Mrs. Mathisen moved to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2009 regular meeting. Mr. Purcell seconded the motion. Roll call vote was recorded as follows: Yeas: Chairman Ongemach, Vice Chairman Williams, Mr. Purcell, Mr. Honan, Mrs. Mathisen. Motion carried.

Chairman Ongemach introduced visitors to the meeting: Tiffany Woo of The Eufaula Tribune; Glenn Kasper, Jim Mathisen, Rita Benavides and Ray Buckingham.

The first item on the agenda was a request for Certificate of Appropriateness for signage at Eufaula Eye Associates, 138 East Broad Street. Rita Benavides addressed the Commission and stated she wishes to replace the existing plastic letters with 12-inch aluminum letters with a black anodized finish. Font style will be Copperplate. Chairman Ongemach asked if there were any questions from the Commission. There were none. Mr. Purcell moved to approve the application as submitted. Mr. Honan seconded the application. Roll call vote was recorded

as follows: Yeas: Chairman Ongemach, Vice Chairman Williams, Mr. Purcell, Mr. Honan, Mrs. Mathisen. Motion carried.

The next item was a request for Certificate of Appropriateness for paint color and changing the awning at 120 North Randolph Avenue. Mrs. Benavides represented the owners, Myra and Willard Smith, and stated they wish to update the paint color to Sherwin Williams Studio Taupe #7549. Window accents will be painted white, and the door will be painted black. The existing awning frame will be recovered in Sunbrella black canvas. It was noted the existing frame is not a "barrel" type awning, but is an angled awning. Chairman Ongemach asked if there were any questions from the Commission. There were none. Mr. Honan moved to approve the application as submitted. Vice Chairman Williams seconded the application. Roll call vote was recorded as follows: Yeas: Chairman Ongemach, Vice Chairman Williams, Mr. Purcell, Mr. Honan, Mrs. Mathisen. Motion carried.

Under old business, Mr. Honan stated he has reviewed the minor work matrix that was distributed at the previous meeting by Mary Shell of the Alabama Historic Commission, and has found that the local Commission is already addressing each item on that matrix through its work review form.

Chairman Ongemach asked all Commission members to review the document Mr. Honan drafted concerning progress on the Martin-Bullock-Ballowe House and forward comments to him as soon as possible. He stated from that document, the Commission would develop a position statement to present to the City for further review and disposition. Mr. Honan stated he feels the City should be asked to enforce the terms of the COA and compel the applicant to begin work and have it completed by 12/31/09 or fine him as outlined in the ordinance. Mr. Purcell noted the key element is the Commission would be setting a precedent.

Mr. Buckingham addressed the Commission and asked what good it will do to fine the owner \$500 per day when it is his opinion the owner obviously is in no financial position to complete the project. Chairman Ongemach stated the owner should have at least communicated with the Commission. Mr. Honan stated the owner also has the option to sell the property, and he is personally aware of two parties that are interested in purchasing the property. Mr. Honan also stated it would not cost a significant amount of money to weather-in the house. Mr. Kasper asked how long the current owner has owned the house. Mr. Honan stated since July, 2007.

After discussion, Mr. Honan moved to request the City Council force compliance of the Sellers family's approved COA dated Nov. 3, 2008 as provided for in Ordinance 2006-6, Section P-2. Mrs. Mathisen seconded the motion. Roll call vote was recorded as follows: Yeas: Chairman Ongemach, Vice Chairman Williams, Mr. Purcell, Mr. Honan, Mrs. Mathisen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

It was noted two work reviews had been approved during the previous month by the building inspector:

- (a) State of Alabama – Historic Chattahoochee Commission – 211 N. Eufaula Ave. – repair leaking porch roof; repair and repaint damaged ceiling boards
- (b) Mane Attractions Beauty Salon – 115 N. Randolph Ave. – Painting outside upstairs windows same color

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF EUFAULA, ALABAMA
A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

David Ongemach, Chairman

ATTEST:

Teri Bush, Secretary/CLG Liaison