

## **MINUTES OF A WORK SESSION OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION HELD JUNE 9, 2009**

The Historic Preservation Commission of the City of Eufaula met in work session Tuesday, June 9, 2009 at 3:00 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, Vice Chairman Curtis Williams, Joel Smith, Sr., Terry Honan, Bruce Turner, Judi Mathisen. Absent: Doug Purcell.

Also present: Ray Buckingham. Tiffany Woo of The Eufaula Tribune entered at 3:20 p.m.; City of Eufaula building inspectors Bill Klein and Kenny Hayes entered at 3:30 p.m.

Chairman Ongemach called the work session to order.

Chairman Ongemach reported on his meeting with City Attorney Jimmy Calton and Mayor Jaxon regarding the Martin-Bullock-Ballowe House. Mr. Honan stated he has spoken with the carpenters who are working on the house and they are presently replacing the sills, jacking up the house and putting in blocks. Chairman Ongemach noted Mr. Sellers' COA had expired before work began. Mr. Honan stated he feels Mr. Sellers is making an earnest effort and progress is being made, but would like the Commission to hold as close to the guidelines as possible. Mr. Honan would like to have Building Inspector Bill Klein approach Mr. Sellers and ask him to have a work crew close in the upper portion of the house. Mrs. Mathisen stated she would like a letter to be sent noting his progress on the house, but pointing out the work was begun after the COA had expired. Chairman Ongemach stated since Mr. Sellers appears to have made an effort to begin work on the renovation project, he would prefer to keep a friendly relationship and doesn't wish to send a formal letter at this time.

Discussion was held regarding revisions to the work review form being used by the building department to approve projects that do not require a Certificate of Appropriateness. After review of the proposed new form, it was suggested language be included to state what type materials are proposed to be used in the project. Action on the form will be taken in the regular meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Discussion was held on the format and location of the Commission's meetings. Chairman Ongemach stated he would like to see the Commission meet in a more user-friendly location, such as a church, chamber of commerce or the public library. He noted there are at least three churches located within the locally designated historic district, as well as the Carnegie Library and James S. Clark Center (Chamber). He noted the municipal courtroom is not conducive to conducting the type meeting the Commission should be holding with the public. He pointed out the chairs could be re-arranged, but it is really not practical. He also noted the stage is hazardous for the public to try to access in order to

explain their projects. He also suggested changing the time of the meeting to later in the evening in order to accommodate citizens who would have to leave work in order to attend a mid-day meeting. Further discussion to be held during the regular Commission meeting.

The next item for discussion was review of city ordinances for recommendations of changes or additions to be presented to City Council. It was noted Ordinance 2003-12 needs to be amended to delete two addresses (318 South Randolph Avenue and 317 South Eufaula Avenue) that are clearly outside the locally designated historic district, as well as consideration of Mr. Honan's suggestions that were forwarded to each member.

Chairman Ongemach asked each member to forward to him as soon as possible any topics for discussion for next month's work session or regular agenda. He also reminded members to bring their copies of pertinent ordinances and the design guidelines to the meetings for reference.

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

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OF THE CITY OF EUFAULA, ALABAMA  
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David Ongemach, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Teri B. Bush, Secretary/CLG Liaison