

MINUTES OF A WORK SESSION OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION HELD JULY 14, 2009

The Historic Preservation Commission of the City of Eufaula met in work session Tuesday, July 14, 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, Judi Mathisen and Bruce Turner. Vice Chairman Curtis Williams entered the meeting at 3:10 p.m. Absent: Doug Purcell and Joel Smith, Sr.

Also present: Tiffany Woo, The Eufaula Tribune.

Chairman Ongemach called the meeting to order and stated it is his goal to shorten the time spent in monthly work session.

Discussion was held regarding proposed changes to City ordinances 2001-2, 2003-12 and 2006-6. Chairman Ongemach stated Terry Honan had submitted some suggestions for amending Section 5 (Application to Historic Preservation Commission for Certificate of Appropriateness), Subsection P (Requirements of Conformance with Certificate of Appropriateness). He noted Mr. Honan's proposal would modify Paragraph 2 to state if work is performed without an approved COA, the property owner and/or contractor can be fined, forced to bring into compliance, or forced to return the property to its original state. Chairman Ongemach stated after discussing the matter with Mayor Jaxon and City Attorney Jimmy Calton, it has been determined the proper procedure should be for the City Attorney to dispose of the matter through Eufaula Municipal Court. Therefore, Chairman Ongemach recommended no change to that section of Ordinance 2001-2.

Discussion was held regarding changing the location of the monthly meetings. Chairman Ongemach stated the Historic Preservation Commission's conference area is too small to accommodate the potential number of people attending the monthly meetings. The Carnegie Library has given permission for use of the third floor auditorium, but HPC members will be responsible for setting up and breaking down the room. It was noted Ordinance 2006-6 would need to be amended to reflect the change in meeting location from the Eufaula Municipal Courtroom. Discussion of time and length of work sessions and meetings was held. After discussion, it was suggested the Commission return to monthly work sessions at 3:30 p.m., followed by the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

The Commission secretary pointed out Ordinance 2003-12 also needs to be amended to remove the addresses of two properties that are clearly outside the boundaries of the locally designated district. She noted the two properties are 317 South Eufaula Avenue (the former Fagin's Market), and 318 South Randolph Avenue (Adkinson property).

Ms. Mathisen suggested the Commission conduct another mailing to property owners in the locally designated district sometime in September.

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

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

David Ongemach, Chairman

ATTEST:

Teri Bush, Secretary/CLG Liaison