

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION HELD JULY 8, 2008

The Historic Preservation Commission of the City of Eufaula met in regular session on Tuesday, July 8, 2008, at 4:00 p.m. in the Municipal Courtroom at the Eufaula Police Department Complex. Upon call of the roll the following members were present: Chairman Terry Honan, Vice Chairman Curtis Williams, Joel Smith, Sr., Doug Purcell, David Ongemach, Bruce Turner. Absent: None.

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."

Chairman Honan stated minutes from the previous meeting and work session were not available.

Chairman Honan introduced visitors to the meeting: Tiffiny Woo, Yamandu Acosta, Ray Culpepper, Susan Culpepper and Mary Wright.

The first application was a request by Yamandu Acosta for Certificate of Appropriateness to construct a handicapped access ramp at the south side entrance door of 403 North Randolph Avenue. Mr. Acosta addressed the Commission and apologized for his haste in having completed the construction and not meeting with members at its previous meeting. He stated the ramp will only be in place until it is no longer needed or if he sells the house, then it will be dismantled. After discussion, Mr. Turner moved to approve the application with the stipulation the ramp and concrete pad be removed when it is no longer needed or if the Acostas sell the house. Mr. Ongemach seconded the motion. Roll call vote was recorded as follows: Yeas: Chairman Honan, Vice Chairman Williams, Mr. Purcell, Mr. Smith, Mr. Ongemach, Mr. Turner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The next application was a request by Susan Culpepper, DBA The Cajun Corner, for signage at 114 North Eufaula Avenue. Ms. Culpepper stated she wishes to place the sign on the railings on the north and south ends of the Bluff City Inn second floor balcony. Chairman Honan read aloud a letter from Ann Blondheim objecting to placement of the sign on the railing. Discussion was held concerning placement of the sign, with Mr. Ongemach stating his objecting to placing the sign on the railing as he feels it covers too much of the architectural detail. It was suggested Ms. Culpepper contact the building's owner and see if he would allow

the sign to be placed where the existing Bluff City Inn sign is located. Discussion was held concerning hanging the sign above the railing on the second floor and scaling down the size of the sign so it would not completely fill the space. After discussion, Mr. Purcell moved to deny the application due to its incomplete nature. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. Roll call vote was recorded as follows: Yeas: Chairman Honan, Vice Chairman Williams, Mr. Purcell, Mr. Smith, Mr. Ongemach, Mr. Turner. Nays: None. Motion carried. Ms. Culpepper will return with more information and present the application at a special meeting of the Commission on Tuesday, July 15.

In other business, Mr. Williams asked if the Commission could look into whether the landscaping in the downtown area was appropriate for the area and complimented the buildings. Chairman Honan asked the secretary to communicate with the City horticulturist and see if the trees are appropriate for the area.

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

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

Terry Honan, Chairman

ATTEST:

Teri Bush, Secretary/CLG Liaison