

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION HELD AUGUST 12, 2008

The Historic Preservation Commission of the City of Eufaula met in regular session on Tuesday, August 12, 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 entered at 4:15 p.m. Absent: Bruce Turner.

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 requested approval of the minutes be deferred until the next meeting to give members the opportunity for further review.

Chairman Honan introduced visitors to the meeting: Tiffany Woo, Ray Buckingham, Hubert Harrison, Bobby Taylor, Jerry Gullledge, Chris Wilkinson and Dick Bower. (Mary Wright entered at 4:15 p.m.)

The first application was a request by Susan Culpepper, DBA The Cajun Corner, for signage at 114 North Eufaula Avenue. Dick Bower of DB Signs addressed the Commission on behalf of the applicant and stated two signs (3'x9') would be affixed to the second floor balcony railing on the north and south ends of the Bluff City Inn building. He presented sketches of the proposed sign and noted the sign had been scaled down from previous drawings and will not project over the railings. A letter has also been received from the owner of the Bluff City Inn giving Ms. Culpepper permission to place the signs. After discussion, Mr. Purcell moved to approve the application as submitted. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. Roll call vote was recorded as follows: Yeas: Chairman Honan, Vice Chairman Williams, Mr. Smith, Mr. Purcell. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was a request by Melissa Ramos, DBA Los Portales Mexican Restaurant, 114 North Eufaula Avenue, for signage. Chairman Honan noted there was no one presented to address the Commission on behalf of the application and asked the wishes of the Commission. After discussion, Mr. Purcell moved to deny the application because of lack of representation by the applicant. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. Roll call vote was recorded as

follows: Yeas: Chairman Honan, Vice Chairman Williams, Mr. Smith, Mr. Purcell.
Nays: None. Motion carried.

The next application was a request for Certificate of Appropriateness by First Baptist Church for demolition of the old Easy Pay Tire Store building located at 113 South Randolph Avenue. Hubert Harrison addressed the Commission and showed Commission members the front elevation of a new youth building that has been design by Mike Hamrick of Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood. He also inquired if the side of the building could be constructed of American Buildings type metal. Chairman Honan stated such materials are not allowed under the guidelines of the Commission. Mr. Harrison explained the church had hoped to have the building construction under way by now, but due to the downturn in the economy, it has moved slower than expected. He noted it is not feasible to save the existing building, pointing out the front wall is leaning, beams holding the roof are sagging, the building has been deemed a fire hazard, there is a rat and rodent problem, the entire north wall is unstable and in danger of collapsing, and the building is an extreme liability to the church. Mr. Purcell asked what were the plans for the lot once the building and foundation have been removed. Mr. Harrison stated the church plans to plant the area with grass and make a nice play area for older children with no fencing. Chairman Honan asked if the church would be agreeable to writing a letter saying the property would be made into a greenspace area until the building can be constructed. Mr. Harrison and other members of his group in attendance stated yes. After discussion, Mr. Williams moved to approve the application as submitted. Mr. Ongemach seconded the motion. Roll call vote was recorded as follows: Yeas: Chairman Honan, Vice Chairman Williams, Mr. Smith, Mr. Purcell. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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
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Terry Honan, Chairman

ATTEST:

Teri Bush, Secretary/CLG Liaison