

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION HELD SEPTEMBER 16, 2009

The Historic Preservation Commission of the City of Eufaula met in regular session Wednesday, September 16, 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, Bruce Turner, Judi Mathisen, Ann Smith, Bart Boyd.

Also present: Anastasia Harbuck, The Eufaula Tribune.

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."

Chairman Ongemach introduced visitors to the meeting: Dr. David Ware, Dr. Irene Ware and Jim Mathisen.

Mr. Purcell moved to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2009 work session. Mr. Turner seconded the motion. Roll call vote was recorded as follows: Yeas: Chairman Ongemach, Mr. Purcell, Mr. Turner, Mrs. Mathisen, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Boyd. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Mr. Purcell moved to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2009 regular meeting. Mrs. Mathisen seconded the motion. Roll call vote was recorded as follows: Yeas: Chairman Ongemach, Mr. Purcell, Mr. Turner, Mrs. Mathisen, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Boyd. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The first item on the agenda was a request for Certificate of Appropriateness for replacement of damaged awning material and approval of paint color at Isaiah Bible Institute, 133 South Eufaula Avenue. Dr. David Ware addressed the Commission and stated he wished to change the awning material from green to burgundy/Victorian Garnet, using the existing barrel-type frame. He noted "Isaiah Bible Institute" will be placed across the front drop-portion of the awning in white lettering (same size letters as on existing awning). Mr. Purcell pointed out while the barrel-style awning is not appropriate according to the Design Guidelines, repairing the torn awning material and changing color would be an improvement. Discussion was held regarding the type of material that is planned to be used for the awning. Dr. Ware stated he has not checked costs but has considered replacing the awning with the same material. It was pointed out the vinyl-type

material is not appropriate, and Dr. Ware stated he would replace the awning with canvas. Dr. Ware proposed to repaint the exterior of the building ColorPlace Cinder Gray #95123, and provided a sample chip of the color. After discussion, Mr. Purcell moved to approve the application as submitted with the stipulation the awning material be canvas. Mrs. Mathisen seconded the motion. Roll call vote was recorded as follows: Yeas: Chairman Ongemach, Mr. Purcell, Mr. Turner, Mrs. Mathisen, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Boyd. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Dr. Ware requested his application for signage at Isaiah Bible Institute, 133 S. Eufaula Avenue, be withdrawn.

Chairman Ongemach noted there were no work reviews for the month. However, Mr. Purcell pointed out work is ongoing at the Askew Home on North Randolph Avenue and asked if a work review or COA has been submitted. The Commission secretary stated no paperwork has been forwarded to her office, and the building department secretary is not familiar with any permits being issued. She will forward the information to the building inspectors for further investigation.

Mr. Purcell also noted a large tree has been removed from the Williams Home on North Randolph Avenue without consulting the Commission.

Under old business, Chairman Ongemach read aloud a letter from Mayor Jay Jaxon to Chris Sellers asking him again to submit information regarding his plans for renovation of his property on North Eufaula Avenue. Mr. Purcell stated he has received a call from a concerned individual regarding this property as well as the Bluff City Inn and Martin Theater. Chairman Ongemach pointed out Building Inspector Bill Klein has followed up with the theater owner, and he is not receptive to making repairs or answering questions regarding the status of the property.

In other business, Chairman Ongemach entertained a motion to amend the Rules and Procedures of the Commission to include Item #12, Use of Model Process for Expedited Review of Certificates of Appropriateness. Mrs. Mathisen moved to amend the Rules and Procedures to include Item #12. Mr. Purcell seconded the motion. Roll call vote was recorded as follows: Yeas: Chairman Ongemach, Mr. Purcell, Mr. Turner, Mrs. Mathisen, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Boyd. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Chairman Ongemach read aloud a proclamation honoring the service and contribution of the late Joel P. Smith, Sr., Commission charter member, and called for a motion to approve the proclamation. Mr. Purcell moved to approve the proclamation. Mr. Turner seconded the motion. Roll call vote was recorded as follows: Yeas: Chairman Ongemach, Mr. Purcell, Mr. Turner, Mrs. Mathisen, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Boyd. Nays: none. Motion carried.

It was further moved and seconded that copies of the proclamation be distributed to Mrs. Ann Smith, the Alabama Historic Commission, and The Eufaula Tribune.

Under new business, Chairman Ongemach opened the floor to nominations for officers for the upcoming year. Chairman Ongemach nominated Mrs. Mathisen to serve as chairman. There were no further nominations. Mr. Purcell moved to close the floor to nominations. Mr. Turner seconded the motion. Voice vote was unanimous. Chairman Ongemach declared Mrs. Mathisen was duly elected chairman for the upcoming year. Chairman Ongemach opened the floor to nominations for vice chairman. Mrs. Mathisen nominated Mr. Ongemach to serve as vice chairman. There were no further nominations. Mrs. Mathisen moved to close the floor to nominations. Mrs. Smith seconded the motion. Chairman Ongemach was duly declared the vice chairman for the upcoming year.

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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David Ongemach, Chairman

ATTEST:

Teri Bush, Secretary/CLG Liaison