HISTORIC PRESERVATION MEETING

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 12th 7:00 The Plaza Arts Center

Present; Lyn Romaine, Nancy Marshal, Larry Folk, Shelagh Fagan,

Absent; Susan Hitchcock

OLD BUSINESS

1. Motion for approval of 7/18/16 minutes (Nancy) seconded (Shelagh), motion carried.
2. Status of Ordinance Rewrite and City Council- History and review.

Shelagh reviewed ordinance rewrite highlights; i.e. ability to approve COA, with denials (if requested by applicant) being forwarded (with HPC assistance) to City Council. City govt. building tenants would fall under HPC/COA mandate.

Term limits for HPC officers would be increased (two or more). Redundant or irrelevant regulations were deleted. (copy of changes on file) It was noted this proposal was submitted over a year ago & Lyn & Shelagh attended a recent city council meeting to push for implementation. They were told the changes were under review & HPC would be notified of any changes. There was further discussion of the importance of the ability of HPC to review changes proposed by city government tenants & it was agreed upon the importance of public review of such changes, i.e. HPC review)

1. Sign Toppers for Plaza Historic District- photo and article in Messenger August 25th

HPC members received a very positive response to the article & new signs.

1. Historic Resource Survey- Shelagh

Shelagh requested this item remain on the agenda & reviewed the current status.

& recommended this project be completed by support staff, when available. The committee agreed this would be a good solution. Nancy suggested first focusing on the original plan, covering just the Plaza Historic District, and once that was completed, review the larger inclusive survey done by the consultant.

1. Architectural Wall- project with Old School History Museum

Lyn reviewed progress on the wall highlighting the historic district & the historic progression of Eatonton. There was discussion of types and styles & also enlarging the proposed panel number from six to seven.

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NEW BUSINESS

1, COA 2016-00 Historical Society to place historic marker

Beside the Bronson House on Harris St.

Approved by all. The committee agreed the marker will enhance the

historic character of the district and does not detract from the historic

character of the Plaza Historic District. Shelagh recommended alerting the

City Council with a letter of notice & having an approval letter prepared for

the Mayors signature, at the meeting. This has worked well in the past.

The marker is within HPC residential guidelines in sq.ft & height.

1. Reprinting of Design Guidelines Book with errors corrected- 50 in black and white

50 copies of the Guidelines are in the process of being printed by Briar Patch, with minor changes by Ken Kocher. There was discussion of technical problems (Ken lost the original file in a system crash) The only way to make changes to the pdf version is via Adobe Acrobat . The possibility of an addendum was discussed.

1. New HPC member status – Nancy

Bob Betzel is interested in joining the HPC. Lyn will get an application to

him.

1. Murals for Downtown

The HPC decided not to provide a letter of support for downtown murals.

This subject has been discussed at length in previous meetings & there

there has been concern regarding the impact on the historic fabric of

downtown buildings.

1. Comprehensive Plan for Eatonton

Lyn discussed the 10 year plan coming up for renewal. It was noted that much of the language in the past plan is consistent with the objectives of historic preservation & there is an historic preservation section. She will participate in the process.

1. Mail out to Plaza District residents to remind old residents and new owners of Design Guidelines and what constitutes a “ Material change” which needs a COA.

The committee discussed the need to maintain awareness of the Plaza Historic District for residents of the district. Shelagh will disseminate past

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letters sent by HPC to Plaza District residents & a letter will be composed as a reminder and update of HPC issues & support.

1. October 9th- Old Eatonton School which is now called The Plaza celebrates its 100th birthday this fall. The Old School History Museum is holding birthday party for the “Old Lady” on Sunday Oct. 9th at 2:00. All past students, faculty and friends are invited.

Lyn discussed the Plaza birthday party & events & encouraged all to attend.

1. Art Blitz in the Briar Patch

Lynn proposed The HPC have a scarecrow entry & pay the

20.00 entry fee for the scare crow contest.

12th. The committee agreed. Motion for approval, Shelagh/2nd Larry,

motion carried.

1. Fall Training-Nov 4-5 in Columbus

Some of the modules will include Types and Styles, and How to Conduct a Meeting (Doug Young). All members were interested in at least one if not two day participation.

Next meeting : Monday October 10th at 7:00