

Historic Preservation Commission
July 11, 2016

Present: George Ewing, Bettye King, Tim McCartney, Melanie Greer,

Guest(s): Bill Gatlin, Eric Reisman

Minutes recorded by Kelly Hall, Administrative Assistant

George Ewing called the meeting to order at 5:16 p.m.

Minutes of the meeting held June 13, 2016 were reviewed. Betty King moved to approve the minutes of June 13, 2016 as written and the motion was seconded by Melanie Greer. The vote was unanimous in favor and the minutes of the June 13, 2016 meeting were approved as presented.

New Considerations:

Town Hall Meeting

At this time Mr. Ewing began the town hall meeting for the presentation by Bill Gatlin of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History related to the nomination of the Olde Towne Clinton District for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP).

Mr. Gatlin began by giving a brief history of historical preservation efforts in this country. He also noted that he had copies of the nomination application and some printed information related to the National Register of Historic Places available for those who wanted it.

In 1966 Congress enacted the National Historic Preservation Act. The NRHP is part of a national program to coordinate and support public and private efforts to identify, evaluate, and protect our historic and archeological resources.

There are sixty-four communities in Mississippi who have historic preservation ordinances similar to Clinton. Mr. Gatlin noted that we are one of the few communities who already have a Historic Preservation Commission in place. Most commissions are formed after an area has been approved by the NHRP.

Mr. Gatlin reviewed the list of requirements for nomination as a historic place or location. There are basically five categories into which a property will fall: building, structure, object, site, and district.

In Clinton the period from 1855 to 1966 is considered historically significant. As part of the nomination process the MDAR reviewed community planning and development, architecture, ninety-eight contributing buildings, two contributing sites, twenty-two noncontributing buildings and one previously listed, individual site (Tanglewood). The OTC district consists of approximately one hundred acres.

Mr. Gatlin reviewed the different types of architectural home styles that can be found in a historic district and their characteristics. Some of those discussed were Queen Ann, Craftsman, Cottage, Plantation and Ranch style homes.

The nomination application will be reviewed at a meeting on July 21, 2016 to determine if the OTC district qualifies and the application can be forwarded on to the National Park Service. They have forty-five days to make a decision. He informed the group that letters of support or denial would be welcome and would help the MDAH make their decision.

Mr. Gatlin reviewed the pros and cons of being on the NRHP and also addressed common misconceptions most people have about what is required of property owners who have properties in a historic district. At the conclusion of his talk he answered questions from those who were in attendance.

Other Business:

There was no other business to come before the Committee. Mr. Ewing noted that the next regular meeting, if needed, would be scheduled for Monday, August 8, 2016.

At this time Melanie Greer made the motion for adjournment and was seconded by Bettye King. The vote was unanimous in favor and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Architectural Review Commission
July 11, 2016

Present: George Ewing, Bettye King, Tim McCartney, Melanie Greer,

Guest(s): Bart Ballard, Jag Bardot

Minutes recorded by Kelly Hall, Administrative Assistant

George Ewing called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m.

Minutes of the meeting held April 11, 2016 were reviewed. Melanie Greer moved to approve the minutes of April 11, 2016 as written and the motion was seconded by Bettye King. The vote was unanimous in favor and the minutes were approved as presented.

New Considerations:

Site Plan – Windsor Plantation Entrance

As color and material samples have not been provided for the committee to review, this item was tabled until the next meeting or such time as color and material samples are available.

Hilton Garden Inn – Dimensional Variance – Hampstead Boulevard @ Hampstead Place

Mr. Ballard and Mr. Bardot were present to address their request for a dimensional variance. In order to be consistent with construction of other Hilton Garden Inns they would like a 6-inch variance to change the parking spaces from 9 feet x 18.5 feet to 9 feet by 18 feet. Color samples were also presented: the EIFS colors are Spectrum Brown, Whisper and Sandpiper. The lightest color will be used on the caps. Mr. Bardot presented the brick sample which will be used at the base of the building. After reviewing the proposed landscape plan, Mr. Ewing said he felt that all of the plantings shown should do well in our area but suggested they might want to replace the River Birch with a different tree. River Birch do not live long and are fragile, dropping limbs and leaves regularly. Melanie Greer made the motion, seconded by Tim McCartney, to approve the dimensional variance request as well as the colors, materials and landscape plan. The vote was unanimous in favor and the motion carried.

Other Business:

There was no other business to come before the Committee. Mr. Ewing noted that the next regular meeting, if needed, would be scheduled for Monday, August 8, 2016.

At this time Bettye King made the motion for adjournment and was seconded by Melanie Greer. The vote was unanimous in favor and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:16 p.m.