

## Historic Preservation Committee

August 10, 2015

5:00 p.m.

Clinton Municipal Courtroom

Minutes recorded by Kelly Hall, Administrative Assistant.

Commission members present: George Ewing, Bettye King, Debbe Tillman, and Brian Hudson

City Officials: Roy Edwards

Guests: Dr. Steve Stanford, Paula DeYoung

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by George Ewing.

### **New Considerations:**

#### **Mississippi College – Fairmont & Clinton Parkway – Site Review**

Paula DeYoung, of Probitry Construction, presented a detailed site plan for the sign MC would like to erect at the corner of Fairmont Street and the Clinton Parkway. The property is zoned both as Special Use and Olde Town Clinton (OTC). The proposed sign will be identical to the sign at the corner of College Street and the Clinton Parkway. Ms. DeYoung presented samples of the brick and limestone to be used in the sign. The brick to be used will be the same red academic brick used in MC's other buildings on campus. Bettye King moved to accept the brick material and colors and was seconded by Brian Hudson. The vote was unanimous in favor. Mr. Ewing expressed concern that the shrubs shown on the plan may grow too big and interfere with traffic visibility but was informed by Dr. Stanford that their grounds maintenance staff would keep them trimmed. Mr. Ewing also expressed concern with how the sign will be lighted, not wanting the lights to shine in drivers' eyes. This will also be addressed. Concerns about students who may not stay on the sidewalks and try to cross the Clinton Parkway at places not marked with a crosswalk was also discussed. Mrs. King commented that the new residence buildings are beautiful. She also stated that she has received comments reminding her that not all of the buildings on this block in Clinton belong to MC so a sign designating it as "East Campus" (or whatever is chosen) could be misleading. Dr. Stanford noted he did not have a problem putting "East Campus" on the sign. The residence units are referred to as "University Place" but any other buildings currently on site or to be built later would not be included in that designation. Dr. Stanford announced that there will be an open house and ribbon cutting at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, August 14. Students will begin moving in this weekend.

Mrs. King asked what the maximum sign size is under OTC zoning; Mr. Edwards stated it was 20 square feet. Ms. King noted that, considering all of the uses planned for this property, a sign of only 20 square feet would be inappropriate/too small. Bettye King

made the motion to recommend approval of the dimensional variance request recognizing that, while it exceeds limits of OTC zoning, the sign dimensions fall within the guidelines of SU zoning. Brian Hudson seconded the motion and the vote was three in favor with Debbe Tillman abstaining from voting. The motion to forward the recommendation for approval to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen passed.

**Other Business:**

Mr. Ewing apologized for skipping past the reading of the minutes from the July 13, 2015 Architectural Review meeting; the minutes were presented for the committee's review and approval. Bettye King made the motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Brian Hudson and the motion to approve the minutes from the May 26, 2015 meeting was passed by unanimous vote.

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, September 14, 2015, at 5:00 p.m.

At this time, Debbe Tillman made the motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Brian Hudson. The vote was unanimous in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.