

Historical Preservation Commission

May 12, 2014

5:00 p.m.

Community Development Office

Minutes recorded by Kelly Hall, Administrative Assistant.

Commission members present: George Ewing, Mike Ballard, Tara Lytal, Tim McCartney, Bettye King, Debbe Tillman and Brian Hudson

City Officials: Roy Edwards, Mayor Phil Fisher

Guests: Dr. George French, Mr. & Mrs. Jerrell Hutson, Glen Worley (Mississippi College)

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. by Roy Edwards.

The minutes of the April 14, 2014 meeting were reviewed. There being no changes needed, motion was made by George Ewing, seconded by Bettye King, to approve the minutes as written. The vote was unanimous in favor and the motion carried approving the minutes of the March 10, 2014 minutes.

New Considerations:

MC President's Home Parking – Certificate of Appropriateness

Glen Worley was present to answer any questions pertaining to the overflow parking area for the President's House at Mississippi College. It will consist of 37 parking spaces and will be used only for events being held at the house. George Ewing noted that the parking area does not show any handicapped parking spaces and believes that at least two handicapped spaces will be required. Mr. Worley noted that there is an area for handicapped parking on top of the hill next to the house, but Mr. Ewing still felt the size of this parking lot makes it necessary to have handicapped spaces. The committee questioned the type of access gate shown on the plan and felt that it needed to be upgraded in keeping with the style of the house. Mr. Ewing recommended the installation of bollards in front of the entrance key pad to protect it from possible vehicular impacts. The pavilion shown in the center of the green space, while it will be built at a future date, is part of the site plan to be approved at this meeting. Mr. Ewing also noted that due to the amount of water runoff from this parking area some type of drainage flume should be added. He suggested using rip-rap or another type of rock to slow down the flow of water and prevent erosion. With regards to lighting, Mr. Worley noted that the lighting will be the same as what is already in place on the college campus. It was noted that the roofing material for the pavilion needs to be the same as the material on the house. Debbe Tillman noted that this site had a great deal of historical significance and asked about the possibility of putting up historical markers. Mr. Worley stated that he did not think MC would have any objections to placing

historical markers on the site. George Ewing made a motion to approve the plan for the parking area and green space north of the MC President's house with the following recommendations:

1. The vehicular access gate should be more ornamental in keeping with the character of the President's home.
2. The parking lot must meet ADA guidelines for the number of handicapped parking spaces.
3. The College needs to consider some type of flume to slow down water runoff as it drains into grassy areas.
4. When a decision is made regarding the proposed pavilion, plans must come back to this committee with detailed drawings, architectural renderings and material samples.
5. The College will work with the City on the placement of historical markers for this property.

The motion was seconded by Brian Hudson and the vote was unanimous in favor of sending this to the Planning & Zoning Committee with our recommendation for approval with the aforementioned recommendations. The motion carried.

At this time Mayor Phil Fisher spoke to the committee. He recently attended a lecture on the 1875 riots here in Clinton and was reminded of the many different people and places in Clinton that are historically significant. He would like to see us develop a plan for placing historical markers at these locations with a map that could be distributed at the Visitors Center so visitors would be able to do a walking tour of Clinton. Please forward any marker suggestions to Dr. George French, who is in the process of helping us become a Certified Local Government. Before he left Mayor Fisher thanked the committee for all it does for the City.

East College Street – Certificate of Appropriateness

Mr. & Mrs. Jerrell Hutson want to move a house from the Mississippi College property (old Junior High) into a vacant lot owned by them on East College Street. Due to the narrow lot size the house will have to be put in sideways and the end of the house facing East College will be remodeled to have a more pleasing appearance as the new front of the house. If they are unable to get approval and get it moved by June 10th, the College will have to demolish the house in order to move forward with their expansion project. George Ewing made the motion to forward the request for a Certificate of Appropriateness to the Planning & Zoning Committee with our recommendation for approval. The motion was seconded by Bettye King and the vote was unanimous in favor. The motion carried.

207 W. Main Street – Certificate of Appropriateness

Mike Ballard would like to enclose and square off the lines of his house by building an addition to the existing structure. The roof will be reworked to have the proper slope. Part of the area noted on the attached drawings will be under the new roof but will be a screened in porch. The addition will have the same lap siding as what is on the rest of the house. Betty King moved to forward the request for a Certificate of Appropriateness to the Planning & Zoning Committee with our recommendation for approval. Tim McCartney seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (except for Mr. Ballard who abstained from voting). The motion carried.

Other Business:

In light of the fact that we will now have separate minutes for Historical Preservation as part of our process to become a Certified Local Government, Roy Edwards asked the committee to elect a chairman. If wanted, he will be glad to continue guiding the meetings but the chairman would be the logical person to run the meetings. Debbe Tillman nominated George Ewing and was seconded by Tim McCartney. As there were no other nominations, a vote was taken and Mr. Ewing was unanimously elected to chair the Historical Preservation Committee.

Mr. Ewing noted that the next regular meeting, if needed, would be scheduled for Monday, June 9, 2014, at 5:00 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the committee, George Ewing moved to adjourn and was seconded by Bettye King. The vote was unanimous in favor and the motion carried to adjourn at 6:15 p.m.