

Athens City Historic and Architecture Preservation Commission
Minutes
Athens City Hall, First Floor Conference Room
February 8, 2016

1. Call to Order

Mary Anne Reeves called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM. Members present include Mary Anne, Joanne Prisley, Guy Phillips, Ann Fidler, and Keith Chapman. Cyrus Moore reported his absence in advance. Quorum was established. Paul Logue represented the administration.

2. Disposition of Minutes

The minutes from January 2016 were reviewed by the commission. Corrections were noted and changed in the .doc file. Guy moved to approve the minutes with corrections made, Ann seconded the motion. All commission members voted in favor of the motion.

3. Next Meeting

March 14, 2016 at 5:30 PM at City Hall

4. Old Business

A. OU Science Building demo—there is a citizen driven group that is convening on Athens County preservation. Goals include a broader coalition of people interested in supporting these activities while allowing ACHS&M and ACHPC to move forward with their own agendas. Tom O’Grady, Tim Traxler, Bob Eichenberg, Cyrus and some others are working on this.

Paul reported on demolition. Keith expressed concern on the impacts of demolition on community—street closures etc. Demo is slated for Monday after commencement.

Ann reported that Joe Lalley has reached out to Tom O’Grady regarding preservation of features on the building and would like to arrange a meeting with interested parties.

B. Union Street rebuilding—16 West Union is re-attempting to get HPTC grants for rebuild. City council is considering a one reading resolution to support this.

c. Standards—copies of the department of interior standards were distributed to the commission. Commission members agreed to review and become familiar with the guidance in them.

5. New Business

A. commission officer elections—Guy made a motion to continue as is with Mary Anne remaining as chair and Keith as Vice-chair until next full year election in August. Joanne seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

B. Building Doctor Program—Paul summarized the process in the contract. Mary Anne suggested a few homes on East State Street that could utilize this. Also suggested Elmwood/East State national registry

district, Foster Place homes, and Trisolini, Millie Brown, 29 Park Place, and Pilcher houses on OU campus. Ann suggested a reporter follow an inspection. Train station hotel on Union Street.

C. CLG/pipeline—Joanne suggested adding St. Paul's and Delta Gamma sorority. Mt. Zion Church is a standalone registry building. There was a discussion on whether to include the College Street Greek houses and churches. The commission thought the map that Paul proposed to the SHPO was sufficient to start though.

6. Adjournment

Joanne moved to adjourn the meeting. Keith seconded. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.