

Athens City Historic and Architecture Preservation Commission
MINUTES
Athens City Hall, City Council Chambers
March 13, 2017

1. Call to Order—Vice Chair Mary Anne Reeves called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Members present include Cyrus Moore, Joanne Prisley, Ms. Reeves, and John Valentour. Members reporting their absence in advance were Keith Chapman, Guy Philips, and Pam Callahan. Quorum was established. Guests included Kees VandeStadt. Paul Logue recorded minutes and represented the city administration.

2. Disposition of Minutes—Ms. Prisley motioned to adopt the minutes from February 2017 as submitted to the commission by Mr. Logue. Mr. Valentour seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of adopting the motion. The motion was approved.

3. Next Meeting—the next regular meeting of the preservation commission is scheduled for April 10, 2017 at 5:30 PM at City Hall.

5. New Business

a. Architectural styles workshop—Mr. Moore reported on a workshop he is helping to organize on Friday March 17 at 2 PM at the Southeast Ohio History Center. Dana Bogart Cress from the Ohio History Preservation Corps will give a presentation on Ohio architectural styles. Presentation is free and open to the public. Paul is trying to arrange for this to be recorded by the city's TGC staff for broadcast on the city government channel and streaming video feeds. Cyrus reported that he would like to have another presentation like this later in 2017 on nominating buildings for the National Register.

b. Schools—Joanne asked about the commission's role with the school district planning. She is concerned about the possible loss of the neighborhood schools and the middle school. John mentioned that the Middle School is a very well built building that would be expensive to demolish.

c. Park Place—Mary Anne reported that the new OU president was not invited to live in the president's mansion and was given a housing stipend instead. Joanne is concerned about the homes that ring College Green.

4. Old Business

a. Historic district expansion and review—Paul reported that updated property information was given to commission members Philips and Chapman. They will be meeting soon to discuss.

b. East State/ Elmwood—East Side resident Betty Hollow emailed an updated property ownership list to Paul last week. He doesn't think Ms. Callahan and Betty have worked on the letters yet.

6. Announcements and Updates

Kees VandeStadt briefly introduced himself to the commission. He is a geography student at Ohio University and is working on an ethnography project for a class. He would like to do interviews with commission members for this project. Commission members provided email contact information to Mr. Vandestadt and he will follow up with them.

7. Adjournment—All agenda items were addressed and with no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Paul Logue