

Athens City Historic and Architecture Preservation Commission
Minutes
Athens City Hall, First Floor Conference Room
March 14, 2016

1. Call to Order- Commission chair Mary Anne Reeves called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM. Members present include Mary Anne Reeves, Joanne Prisley, Ann Fidler, and Cyrus Moore. Quorum was established. Members Guy Phillips and Keith Chapman reported their absence in advance. Jim Sands was absent. Paul Logue represented the city administration.

2. Disposition of Minutes—the minutes from February 8, 2016 were reviewed by the commission. Joanne motioned to accept the minutes from February 8, 2016. Ann seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

3. Next Meeting

The next meeting on the preservation commission is scheduled for April 11, 2016 at 5:30 PM at City Hall.

4. Old Business

A. Uptown district expansion—Paul discussed a letter sent to him from Barb Powers at Ohio History Connection regarding the questionnaire he submitted to them regarding expanding the Athens downtown district. Copies of the letter and the map Paul created were distributed. The OHC needs additional information in order for them to make a recommendation to proceed with preparing a National Register nomination to increase the boundary. Information they are asking for includes:

1. What is proposed new end date for period of significance for the district?
2. How many and what type of properties will be added to convey the significance and character of the district?
3. What is historical relationship between commercial and residential buildings in the proposal
4. More info on nature/age of non-contributing
5. More detail regarding non-contributing areas included in the district boundary edges

The commission discussed this and also wanted to identify any buildings in the area that are now 50+ years old including Family Dollar, Central Venue, and Carpenter Hall. They also thought Copeland Hall, former Chemistry Building could be added to the OU district. Mary Anne also asked if Bromley Hall was worthy of nomination for the OU district.

B. Building Doctor Program—Mary Anne received a copy of the flier that OHC is mailing on this event. Paul reported that the city is finalizing the contract with OHC and this should be resolved soon. The seminar will take place on May 19/20.

C. Science Hall—the demolition of OU's Science Hall is slated for early May, 2016. The commission members discussed the meeting they attended last with OU's Joe Lalley regarding preservation of key

features. The commission members would like to see any images that are out there regarding the interior of the building.

5. New Business

A. Barb Powers from OHC will be doing a tour of the Packard designed buildings in Athens on March 19. The tour events also include a walking tour of the Ridges campus.

6. Adjournment

Cyrus motioned to adjourn the meeting. All commission members voted in favor of adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.