

Athens City Historic and Architecture Preservation Commission
Minutes
Athens City Hall, City Council Chambers
June 13, 2016

1. Call to Order—Mary Anne Reeves called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM. Members present include Mary Anne Reeves, Guy Philips, Cyrus Moore, Ann Fidler, Keith Chapman, and Joanne Prisley. Quorum was established.

2. Disposition of Minutes—the minutes from May 2016 were reviewed by the commission. Guy moved to approve the minutes from May 2016, Ann seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The minutes were approved.

3. Next Meeting—the next regular meeting is scheduled for July 11, 2016. Guy and Ann both reported that neither will be at the meeting. The commission decided to move the meeting to July 18 at 5:30 PM at City Hall in order to have quorum.

4. Old Business

a. Building Doctor Clinic—Paul, Cyrus, and Guy reported on the event. Public workshop went well. Participants said the event was worthwhile.

b. Historic district expansion—the state employee handling the pipeline grants is leaving. Mary Anne suggested that the potential consultants do some of the preliminary work.

c. Moses Hewitt home—Joanne did some research on this and provided a summary to the commission. Guy recommended that we contact ODNR to argue preservation. Paul will touch base with Bob regarding the current status of this topic.

d. Road show—city does not have a slide to digital converter. Cyrus thinks the historical society can help with this.

5. New Business

a. Brown House—Joanne and Ann reported a rumor that it is slated for demolition in August. The commission expressed concern regarding this potential demolition. The campus master plan doesn't ID this for demolition. Commission will draft something on this. Ann will contact Shawna to enquire more. Keith suggested a pro-active approach to promote the homes on College Green to protect and preserve them. The commission discussed the need for an overlay on campus historic buildings. The commission will give historic photos to local media to utilize. Keith motioned, Guy seconded to submit historic photos and info on houses of interest to the media. Guy suggested talking to the Messenger first.

b. WNF buildings on Dalton— Mary Anne asked about documenting the buildings prior to demolition. Paul will check with code director Rick Sirois on this.

6. Announcements and Updates

There were no announcements and updates.

7. Adjournment

Cyrus motioned to adjourn the meeting, Ann seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM.