

Athens City Historic and Architecture Preservation Commission
Minutes
Athens City Hall, City Council Chambers
August 15, 2016

1. Call to Order—Mary Anne Reeves called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Members present include Mary Anne, Joanne Prisley, Cyrus Moore, Keith Chapman, and Ann Fidler. Guy Phillips was absent. Cyrus left at 6:05 PM. Quorum was established.

2. Disposition of Minutes—the minutes from July 2016 were reviewed by the commission. Cyrus motioned to approve. Mary Anne seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

3. Next Meeting—September 12, 2016 at 5:30 PM

4. Old Business

a. Historic district expansion and review—the commission would like to discuss plan review for the existing uptown district. Joanne recommended all historic districts in the city. Keith made a motion to proceed with this request. Mary Anne seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

b. Mount Zion request—Paul provided information he received from Cindy Johnson regarding Mount Zion Church. The commission would like to learn more about this request and is open to more information regarding plans for this building. Paul will send an email to invite her to the next meeting.

5. New Business

a. Election of officers-- Ann motioned to keep Mary Anne as chair and Keith as vice-chair. There was no second. Mary Anne discussed having Keith as chair and Mary Anne as vice-chair. Ann motioned Keith as chair and Mary Anne as vice-chair. Joanne seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried 4-0.

b. Park Place—OU has approached the city regarding doing a study on options for closing Park Place and converting it to a pedestrian plaza. Joanne asked about other streets that the university has taken over from the city and if that was done following the prescribed process in code. Putnam, Ullom, Wolf, Brown, Shaffer, Race Streets were mentioned. The commission is interested in the houses on Park Place and the integrity of the campus historic district and potential negative impacts. The commission will provide additional feedback on this matter at a later meeting. The commission would like to talk with Shawna regarding the historic homes. Maybe the new university architect as well.

6. Announcements and Updates—There were no announcements and updates.

7. Adjournment—Meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.