

Athens City Historic and Architecture Preservation Commission  
Minutes—**NOT ADOPTED NO QUORUM**  
Athens City Hall, City Council Chambers  
September 19, 2016

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**1. Call to Order**—Keith called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Members present include Keith Chapman, Mary Anne Reeves, and Joanne Prisley. Guy Philips, Cyrus Moore, and Ann Fidler were absent. Quorum was not established. Guests present include Cindy Johnson, Rex Hagerling, and John Gallagher.

**2. Disposition of Minutes**—August minutes will be reviewed at the October regular meeting due to lack of quorum.

**3. Next Meeting**—October 10 at 5:30 PM. Columbus Day. City offices are open.

**4. Old Business**

a. Historic district expansion and review—Keith and Paul met with Chris Fahl regarding expanding the review district for the whole Uptown district and cleaning up the district. Chris recommended getting support from the property owners before moving anything to Council. Chris would also like to see an architect on the commission to help with review. Paul is working on an RFP to get quotes to expand and update the district.

b. Park Place/Small Homes—Paul reported on the park place planning and the FY 2017 6-year Capital Improvement Plan. The commission discussed the possibility of a joint city/campus task force on the small homes. Members present would like Shawna Bolin to attend the October meeting to give an update on this.

c. Armory—members present discussed the public meeting from Sept 5 and were supportive of the efforts.

**5. New Business**

a. Cindy Johnson—Mount Zion Church. Ms. Johnson introduced herself to the commission and provided a handout summary of corrective issues for the church. She introduced Rex Hagerling. Mr. Hagerling is an architect with Moody Nolan Architects in Columbus who specializes in historic preservation. He has toured the building and has given a proposal to Mount Zion for repairs and improvements. He provided a verbal summary of issues with the church. Items included: the building is taking on water; roof needs replaced, including the valley flashing and gutters; the basement wood joist floor may be failing; downspouts may be backed up; possible rot in the eaves and rafters as well which could include mold. He noted that stopping the water penetration is the first step. He and Johnson said the furnace is good, AC condenser needs replaced. Church needs accessibility addressed—either a lift or ramps are needed but ramps may be a challenge due to limited space. The building is approximately 5000ft<sup>2</sup>. Electric service is relatively new but basement area may need rewired. Fascia boards on the gables may need replaced as well. Masonry was in OK shape but some repair is needed. They don't believe the plumbing

is the source of the leaks. Hagerling believes the entire building needs to be addressed at the same time. Johnson said heat has been off for at least one year.

Ms. Johnson is asking the community to assist with financial help to bring the restore the building. She said there's a congregation but they aren't allowed to access the building. Code, AFD, and state are involved with getting corrections made. Keith Chapman noted that the commission doesn't have any financial resources to contribute. She intends to continue the building at Mount Zion Baptist Church.

Members present thanked them for their presentation and requested that they be updated on progress with improvements and restoration.

#### **6. Announcements and Updates**

There were no announcements and updates.

#### **7. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Paul Logue.