

Athens City Historic and Architecture Preservation Commission
MINUTES
Athens City Hall, First Floor Conference Room
July 9, 2018 5:30 PM

1. Call to Order—Vice Chair Mary Anne Reeves called the meeting to order at 5:42 PM. Members present include Cyrus Moore, Pam Callahan, Mary Anne Reeves, and John Valentour. Members absent include Guy Philips and Keith Chapman. There is one vacancy on the commission. Quorum was established. Paul Logue recorded minutes for the commission. Guests include Katherine Holly.

2. Disposition of Minutes

The minutes from June 2018 were reviewed by the commissioners. With no corrections or additions noted Ms. Callahan motioned to approve the minutes as submitted by Mr. Logue. Mr. Moore seconded the motion. All members voted in favor on the motion. The motion was approved.

3. Next Meeting—August 13, 2018—Pam reported her absence from the meeting.

5. New Business

a. Logo design – Katherine Holly introduced herself to the commission. She is an intern for the city and is working on some logo designs for the commission. Katherine presented a few scenarios she has made for the commission to discuss. The commissioners gave some feedback to Katherine and she will continue to work on a final design.

b. Wireless tower-- Paul distributed the document he received from EIB Consulting regarding a wireless tower permit on Peach Ridge Road. The commission has the opportunity to comment on the proposed tower under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act if they believe it will have an impact on a historic site or district. None the commissioners had any comments or concerns about this tower from a preservation perspective. Paul will communicate with EIB that there are no issues from Section 106.

c. St. Paul's Church—Mary Anne asked for this to be added to new business. She reported that the rectory at St. Paul's has been closed for some time and there are concerns that the church may be torn down at some point with St. Paul's and Christ the King being consolidated. The commission discussed making the first Joanne Prisley award to St. Paul's in recognition to all the work she did to document the stained glass windows. Pam made a motion to give the award to St. Paul's. Mary Anne seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.

The commission discussed general preservation issues and would like to discuss adopting a district for uptown Athens. Council rep Chris Fahl has been invited to the August meeting. St. Paul's Church was identified in Mr. Valentour's proposed uptown district map. *(Note—New Business c. was added after Old Business was completed)*

4. Old Business

a. Comprehensive plan – this will be discussed at the next meeting. Paul asked the commissioners to consider the following three questions that can be discussed in August.

1. Why does our history and preservation matter?
2. How can we help preserve our historic properties?
3. How can our history be better told in our neighborhoods?

b. Joanne Prisley Award—Pam wrote a document to establish the award. She summarized the document for the commissioners. Pam made a motion to establish the Joanne Prisley Architectural and Historic Preservation Award. Mary Anne seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion to create the award was approved. Paul will scan Pam’s document and send to all the commission members.

c. Commission membership—Cyrus has talked with Evan Shaw about serving on the commission. Richard Vedder has also expressed interest in being a member. Both potential candidates are asked to provide some information and Paul will forward to Mayor Patterson for consideration.

6. Announcements and Updates

The commission will discuss the walking tour at the next meeting.

Cyrus reported that the Robert Kirkbride presentation went really well and had about 100 people in the audience. Katherine Ziff will be presenting in August, George Eberts in October, and OU administrators in late 2018.

7. Adjournment

With all agenda items satisfied the meeting was adjourned at 6:38 PM.