

Athens City Historic and Architecture Preservation Commission
MINUTES
January 10, 2022 5:30 PM
Athens City Building, 8 East Washington Street

1. Call to Order—Mary Anne Reeves called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM. Members present included Reeves, Cyrus Moore, Richard Vedder, and Mark Snider. Members absent included John Valentour, Pam Callahan, and Guy Phillips. Quorum was established. City planner Paul Logue was also present and recorded minutes for the commission.

2. Disposition of Minutes—the minutes from December 2021 were reviewed by the commission. Reeves motioned to approve the minutes as submitted. Moore seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. The minutes were approved.

3. Next Meeting—February 14, 2022 5:30PM

4. New Business

a. 11 East Washington Street Design Review—Copies of the plans for this building were distributed via email to the board in the previous week. Logue provided paper copies of the relevant pages as well. The building will house professional offices. Attorney Bob Toy owns the building. Contractors have been doing interior renovations of the last several months and they will begin the exterior work soon. Moore commented that the exterior plans look good, only some minor changes from existing that includes new finishes that are more appropriate. Snider recalled some previous tenants in that space including lawyers, financial planners, and a dentist. Vedder made a motion to approve the plans as submitted to the preservation board. Moore seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion. The motion was approved 4-0.

5. Old Business

a. Membership and policies—board discussed attendance requirements and needs in light of recent challenges with getting quorum since meetings have returned to in-person. Logue suggested the commission work on polices and procedures regarding submittals for plan reviews to help the board and applicants have clearer timelines and preparedness for meetings. He and Reeves will discuss this prior to the February meeting.

6. Announcements and Updates

a. The board had a general discussion that included OU buildings that may be divested or demolished. There is concern about the cost to demolish Scott Quad and the worthiness of expending so much money to simply tear down. Logue commented that the old Follett's bookstore building is back on the market according to a local real estate agent.

7. Adjournment

Reeves made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:20PM. Moore seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Paul Logue