

Athens City Historic and Architecture Preservation Commission  
MINUTES  
September 12, 2022

1. Call to Order Chairperson Mary Ann Reeves called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Members present include: Reeves, Cyrus Moore, Mark Snyder, Richard Vedder, John Valentour, and Tim Anderson (new member). Quorum was established. Non-commission members present include Andrew Chicki (Deputy Service Director) and Megan (Ohio University student).

2. Disposition of Minutes Richard Vedder made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted, Cyrus Moore seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

3. Next Meeting October 10, 2022 at 5:30PM

4. Old Business

A. We discussed filling the remaining vacancy on the commission. Two names were discussed: Bill Walker and Bob Toy.

B. Work at the Toy law office across from city hall was briefly discussed. The scope of work was reviewed at a previous meeting by the Historic Commission and approved.

C. We reviewed the scope of the Historic District for the City of Athens. The current district was defined by the Federal Register and approved by City Council. We previously discussed expansion of the district. This would involve specifically defining the expanded district, notifying all property owners, and getting City Council approval. Cryus was asked to gather additional information.

D. The status of the plaque for the Presbyterian Church was questioned. This needs to be investigated by someone at City Hall.

5. New Business

A. Andrew related to the commission various projects involving the City of Athens. The city building will be undergoing exterior renovations, brick repair at the façade.

Armory design documents are getting closer to completion.

Ohio University is planning to give Hanning Hall to the city. This is the old post office building on Union Street and is a significant historic structure. Mary Ann indicated it is on the Historic Register. However it is not within the current Athens Historic District. Parking is included on the site which makes it even more desirable. Andrew indicated the City does not have a specific use for the structure at this time. The Commission believes preservation of this structure will be good for uptown Athens. It is a landmark building.

The Mansfield House on East state Street, Athens Visitors Center, will be undergoing renovations.

B. The Commission discussed the possibility of asking David Riggs, Athens Code Enforcement, to attend a meeting. It would be helpful for members to get a better understanding of the permitting process. We still need to develop the documentation system for issuing a Certificate of Appropriateness.

#### 5. Adjournment

With all agenda items satisfied and no additional business or announcements, Richard Vedder motioned to adjourn the meeting. Cryus Moore seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:35 PM

Respectfully submitted by John Valentour