Athens City Historic and Architecture Preservation Commission
Minutes
Athens City Hall, City Council Chambers
September 11, 2017

<u>1. Call to order</u>—Commission Chair Keith Chapman called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM. Members present include Mr. Chapman, Pam Callahan, John Valentour, Mary Anne Reeves, and Guy Philips. Members absent include Joanne Prisley and Cyrus Moore. Quorum was established. Paul Logue represented the administration and took minutes. Guests included Tim Sayre and Eric Omietanski.

<u>2. Disposition of Minutes</u>—Ms. Reeves made a correction regarding her name. Mr. Philips motioned to accept the minutes with the correction noted. Mary Anne seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of approval.

<u>3. Next Meeting</u>—October 9, 2017-- Guy, Mary Ann, and Ms. Callahan cannot make that date. Mr. Logue will send an email out prior to the scheduled date to confirm any agenda items and interest in meeting.

<u>5. New Business</u>

a. Plan of Action—Pam would like to identify an action for the commission and begin working on it. Set 2, 5, and 10 year goals. Pam talked about some of her goals about getting more outreach on the commission and what services it can offer. Keith discussed goals for jurisdiction over the uptown historic district and expanding the district. Mr. Valentour suggested moving forward with a council action and work on educating property owner through conversations. Pam also discussed the need to act on issues. Guy suggested commissioners take new OU President Nellis out to lunch to discuss the commission and talk about the community. Mary Anne would like to see council action on jurisdiction. Pam suggested all members write down their 2, 5, and 10 year goals for the commission to be discussed at November meeting.

John discussed creating a certificate of appropriateness and getting some firm incentives that the city offer to get more preservation. The commission discussed tax abatements, incentives, financing, zoning.

Pam would like to invite another city's commission to Athens to talk about their experience.

Mary Anne discussed changing the current uptown district to include more structures.

<u>4. Old Business</u>

a. Armory historic marker—Paul reported on Armory grant notification from Ohio Historic Connection. The grant award covers $750 of the $2500 cost for a marker. Marker will likely be installed sometime in mid-2018. Commission member Cyrus Moore will be helping with the final language.

b. CLG evaluation—Paul reported that he is completing the evaluation documents for our CLG review by Ohio History Connection. He intends to have it submitted within the next two days.

6. Announcements and Updates

Paul reported that the city will be updating its comprehensive plan and will begin with a visioning session on Sept 21 at 6:30 PM at the Community Center. The meeting is open to all members of the public.

7. Adjournment

With all agenda items satisfied and no further business Keith motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 PM. Pam seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Paul Logue