

Athens Historic Preservation Commission  
MINUTES  
April 15, 2024

**I. Call To Order**

Chairperson Mary Anne Reeves called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm. In addition to the Chairperson, members present were Cyrus Moore, III, Richard Vedder, Mark Snider, John Valentour, Tim Anderson and William Walker. Present was City Planner Meghan Jennings.

**II. Disposition of Minutes**

There were no March 11, 2024, minutes for review and approval as there was no quorum. Instead, a meeting Report was prepared by Interim Secretary William Walker. It was duly noted to and acknowledged by the Interim Secretary that Meghan Jennings first name was misspelled Maghan.

When addressed about resuming his position as Secretary John Valentour indicated a desire to step down after holding the position for an extended period of time. Despite Commission members' opposition to his stepping down John Valentour prevailed and the designation Interim was removed and William Walker agreed to appointment as Secretary until he steps down or is removed for cause by the Commission.

**III. Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled to be held on May 13, 2024, at 5:30 pm

**IV. New Business**

Discussion was held on the proposed Athens Historic Preservation Commission brochure prepared by the City Planner. Thanks for their work was extended to City Planner, Meghan Jennings, for her and her intern, Kathleen Shuttleworth, for the wonderful job creating the document long needed by the Commission. After circulation and critique prior to the meeting by several Commission members suggestions were made to minor language changes in the brochure. Indicating the direction the Commission wanted taken regarding the changes the matter was referred back to the City Planner for revision consistent with the discussion with the revised brochure presented to the Commission for consideration at its next meeting..

William Walker presented several pictures depicting the deteriorating condition of the building situated at 667 East State Street which presently houses the offices of the Athens County Convention and Visitors Bureau. The building's current condition was discussed. John Valentour raised the possibility of having the building designated a historical landmark. It was decided to invite Mayor Patterson, Barney Grueser and Tom O'Grady to the May meeting to discuss the building's condition, the building's historical significance, building renovation and cost, the status of the Athens County Convention and Visitors Bureau's tenancy and future utilization should the Bureau vacate the building.

#### **V. Old Business**

The issue of the Presbyterian Church plaque was raised by member Richard Vedder. Reference was made to a previous discussion at which Andrew Chiki indicated he may have located an out of state company that might be able to produce the plaque at a reasonable cost..Follow up was to be made with Andrew Chiki.

#### **VI. Adjournment**

Upon motion duly made and approved the meeting adjourned at 6:25

Summit by,  
William Walker  
Secretary