

Athens City Historic and Architectural Preservation Commission
MINUTES
September 11, 2023

1.Call to Order Chairperson Mary Anne Reeves called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Members present include Mark Snider, Richard Vedder, Tim Anderson, and John Valentour. Quorum established. Present: Andrew Chiki, DSD

2.Disposition of Minutes August minutes were reviewed and approved by the commission.

3.Next Meeting October 9, 2023, at 5:30 PM

4.Old Business

A. Commission members indicated they have not yet accessed the web site CivicClerk. This site will display information and files generated by all Athens City Commissions.

B. Paul Logue's files were investigated and the brochure generated in 2020 was found as well as an uptown area site plan with property owners identified. These items were distributed to commission members.

C. The city uptown improvements project was discussed. This is the sidewalk/crosswalk work planned by the Ohio Department of Transportation. Andrew indicated a change in the design for the crosswalks has been made. The crosswalks will not be stamped-concrete colored to match the existing brick streets. The new system will be smooth concrete with its natural grey color and painted stripes. No objection was expressed by the Commission to the modified scope of work.

D. The Presbyterian Church plaque is being completed according to Andrew.

E. Mary Ann questioned the term Historic Landmark which has been used to identify historically significant structures outside of the designated historic district. The Commission has identified the following structures:

*Stewart -MacDonald Building, West Washington Street

*Seaman's Grocery Store, West Union Street

*Mount Zion Baptist Church, West Carpenter Street

*Athens Middle School, West State Street

*Christ Lutheran Church, Mill Street

5.New Business

A. Andrew indicated the City is currently searching for a new City Planner.

B. Construction on the project at 63 South Court Street, Lostro Building, has resumed. It had been delayed for several weeks.

C. We discussed the Brochure and updates required. Mary Ann indicated she will review the 2020 document and identify changes needed. All commission members were asked to

review the brochure and proposed historic district expansion maps. We discussed the need to include Hanning Hall. The proposed expansion map needs reviewed. One section identified as needing a closer look is east of the Armory on East Carpenter Street, Fern Street, and, East State Street.

D. Ground breaking for the Armory is scheduled for October 16th at 10:30 am.

6.Adjournment Richard motioned to adjourn, second by Mark second, all approve 6:25 PM

Respectfully submitted
John Valentour