

Athens City Historic and Architectural Preservation Commission
MINUTES
July 17, 2023

1.Call to Order Chairperson Mary Anne Reeves called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM. Members present include Mark Snider, Richard Vedder Bill Walker, and John Valentour. Quorum established. Also, present Andrew Chiki, Deputy Service Director.

2.Disposition of Minutes June minutes were review and approved by the commission.

3.Next Meeting August 11, 2023, at 5:50 PM

4.Old Business

A. We discussed the semi-annual report requirement with Andrew. He will look into the requirement and develop a plan for compliance.

B. Copies of the proposed Historic District expansion were distributed. Input is needed by commission members confirming the plan. It was noted Hanning Hall should be included in the revised district as well as Lasher Hall, both buildings are on Union Street.

C. The requirement all property owners in the revised district need contacted is a formidable job, beyond the capability of commission members. This task would need City involvement. Prior to considering expansion of the district, we need to provide a publication describing the commission and its value for our community. This work was started but never finished. John V and Mary Anne will meet with Andrew at his office and review Paul's files. Andrew indicated he will be out of town the next 3 or 4 weeks.

D. On July 5, 2023 Paul Logue passed at the age of 48. Paul was a driving force and talented administrator for our commission. He will be greatly missed and always remembered. Our sincere sympathy goes to his family.

E. The Presbyterian Church plaque will be mentioned until it is resolved.

5.New Business

A. Catlin Bond has been in contact with commission members asking for us to make a presentation for the UpBEAT Historical Group. We have not responded to date.

Note: This would be a good opportunity to formulate our goals and present them to the public. If we need support to have the district expanded, this could be a start.

B. Andrew presented the proposed sidewalk, curb, and street improvements. These modifications include lighting adding bicycle parking, additional shade trees. A primary objective is to improve accessibility on uptown streets and sidewalks. A significant modification will have Union Street be two-way between Court Street and Congress Street.

6.Adjournment Mark motion to adjourn Richard second all approve 6:40 PM

