

Athens City Historic and Architectural Preservation Minutes

MINUTES

February 10, 2025

1. **Call To Order:** Chairperson Mary Anne Reeves called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Members present were Mary Anne Reeves, Richard Vedder, William Walker, Mark Snyder, Cyrus Moore and Tim Anderson. Excused and not present was John Valentour. Present was Matt Leasure, Design Local, Architect for the Southeast Ohio History Center.
2. **Disposition of Minutes:** Absent the presence of City Planner, Meghan Jennings, due to an illness, there were no minutes submitted for approval.
3. **Next Meeting:** March 10, 2025, at 5:30 pm

4. **Old Business:**

Paul Logue Memorial: Discussion was held on a memorial tree planting. Walker stated he had been in contact with Katherine Ann Jordan Director of the Arts, Parks and Recreation Department, who indicated the fee to submit to the City of Athens an Application For A Celebration and Memorial Tree was \$400.00. Additional incurred costs would be approximately \$250.00 for a tree and \$200.00 for a plaque. The Board was of the unanimous opinion that the cost was prohibitive, particularly taking into consideration that Paul Logue at the time of his passing was a long serving and dedicated city employee. Walker was directed to look for other alternative memorial options, to include a bench.

Correspondence to the President of Ohio University: The Board directed Walker to draft correspondence to the President of Ohio University, through her Chief of Staff, informing her of the existence of the Board's, its Ohio Revised Code statutory charges and Board members appointed and serving at the pleasure of the Mayor..

Photograph of Mansfield House: Chairperson, Mary Anne Reeves, presented to the Board for review an historic picture of the Mansfield House. Walker spoke of a group concerned about the deterioration of the structure and need for immediate remediation, to include SOAP, an Ohio University organization interested in historic preservation, that will be attending the March 10 Board meeting

5. **New Business:**

Review of the proposed improvements to the front steps and facade to the Southeast Ohio History Center. Matt Leasure of Design Local, architects for the Southeast Ohio History Center, distributed a set of architectural plans and an outline of

the proposed improvements to the Center's front steps and facade. The Board reviewing the plans, and receiving satisfactory answers to its questions and concerns, did unanimously approve the project. City Planner, Meghan Jennings, ,was respectfully directed to prepare all necessary documents for submission to all appropriate City Departments to effectuate the Board's project approval and issuance of any certifications.

6. Announcements and Other Business:

The next meeting of the Board is set for March 10, 2055

7. Adjournment:

Upon motion of Richard Vedder, seconded by Tim Anderson, the meeting was adjourned at 6:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

William Walker
Appointed Temporary Secretary