Athens City Historic and Architecture Preservation Commission
Minutes of Regular Meeting
Athens City Hall, First Floor Conference Room
Monday July 1, 2013

A regular meeting of the Athens City Historic and Architectural Preservation Commission was held in the first floor conference room at City Hall at 5:30 PM on July 1, 2013.

1. Call to Order

Paul Logue called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Members present: Cyrus Moore, Joanne Prisley, Sarie Landers, Guy Phillips, Harry Wyatt, Keith Chapman, and Mary Anne Reeves

Guests: Paul Wiehl, Paul Logue

Commission members and guests did brief introductions around the table on who they are and what their interests are with respect to historic preservation.

2. Disposition of Minutes

There are no minutes to dispose of.

3. Next Meeting

Meetings are set 2nd Monday of every month at 5:30 PM. The commission will hold a regular meeting on Monday, July 8 at 5:30 PM.

4. Old Business

There is no old business.

5. New Business

There was a general discussion on possible issues the commission could address. Issues include signage, Athens Canal, national register list, property tax abatements, and revitalization money. Keith provided a history on the defunct community design board and the Zarney Plan from the late 1970s. Paul has a digital copy of the Zarney plan and will email to the membership for reference. Keith said old programs in city included abatements and grants, architecture plan assistance, tax credits for historic properties. Much of the efforts focused on façade work. Guy said that offering "carrots" can be a good incentive.

Cyrus asked about photos. Harry will check with OU planning for old photos. Paul has photos of Uptown from the late 1970s on digital format from Historical Society and will have for next meeting.

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.