

Athens City Historic and Architecture Preservation Commission
Minutes of Regular Meeting
Athens City Hall, First Floor Conference Room
Monday September 9, 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 5:35 PM on September 9, 2013.

1. Call to Order

Mary Anne called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM.

Present: Mary Anne Reeves, Joanne Prisley, Sarie Landers, Keith Chapman, Harry Wyatt, Paul Logue.

Absent Cyrus Moore, Guy Phillips.

2. Disposition of minutes

Joanne moved to approve the minutes. Sarie seconded. All voted in favor.

3. Next Meeting

October 14, 2013 at 5:30 PM at City Hall, front conference room.

4. Old Business

- a. Commission membership-- Paul will check with Chris Fahl about changing the voting to 7 members and eliminating the alternates.
- b. Certified Local Government status—Paul will send copies of the application to the membership and see what is missing. Paul will follow up with Nathan Bevil regarding CLG and documents. Nathan told Mary Anne that CLG commissions are eligible for free trainings.
- c. Tax credit seminar—60+ attended from all over the state. Ohio residents can check off for \$1 on state tax filing for Heritage Ohio to invest into historic preservation.
- d. Inventory forms—Mary Anne brought in her documents. Paul will put in a binder. MA recommends ordering them by inventory number. Paul has potential intern that can put this together with a database. MA has more documents at home that she will bring in, including OU sites. Intern could take photos of historic sites as well (see August minutes).
- e. Hocking Canal discussion—Lock 26 near Armitage Road and potential for markers. Mary Anne will email a link to the ODNR canal maps.
- f. commission organization—Sarie discussed ways to put items or priorities in order or how to decide tasks. Keith mentioned starting with uptown district. How do people handle the business aspect (applying for registries etc.) and the educational aspect?

5. New Business

The commission had a general discussion on priorities for the commission to focus on.

Harry top 5 priorities —

1. Incentives
2. Education, in broad terms but focused on property owners who desire to do the right thing
3. Few sticks and slaps
4. Uptown

5. OU relationship

Keith:

1. Uptown
2. Incentives
3. Education— help facilitate making decisions for property owners

JoAnne:

1. Education and selling the idea of historic preservation
2. Incentives
3. Athens as county seat, commercial center, and tourist site, not just university town

Sarie:

1. Community Reinvestment Areas?
2. Setting vision for Uptown
3. What are criteria for review—public involvement in process

Mary Anne:

1. Education
2. Process
3. Incentives

Heritage Ohio is a resource for homeowners who may be looking for tax credits. Joanne suggested that the city become a member. Paul will investigate memberships for the commission.

Buildings can have more than one viable option for restoration or rehabilitation. Structures do not to be locked in a certain era.

Discussion on standards—Mary Anne says Sect. of Interior standards are pretty common sense.

CLG was goal of comprehensive plan. Commission will review CLG requirements for October meeting.

Paul will check with Ed Newman about October meeting.

6. Homework

Continue work on priorities.

Mary Anne will check with Heritage Ohio regarding literature

7. Adjournment

Keith motioned to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.