

Athens City Historic and Architecture Preservation Commission
Minutes of Regular Meeting
Athens City Hall, First Floor Conference Room
Monday October 14, 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 October 14, 2013.

1. Call to Order

Mary Anne Reeves called the regular meeting to order at 5:35 PM. Members present were Sarie Landers, Harry Wyatt, Joanne Prisley, Guy Phillips, and Mary Anne Reeves. Members absent were Cyrus Moore and Keith Chapman Commission guests were Ed Newman and Megan Saunders

2. Disposition of Minutes

Guy moved to approve the minutes from September 9, 2013. Harry seconded the motion. All voted in favor of approving the minutes.

3. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday, November 11, 2013 at 5:30 PM at City Hall, front conference room.

4. New Business

a. Ed Newman introduced himself to the commission. Ed is a Currier Street resident. Ed provided background on the Shafer Street brick wall that some west side residents organized to restore a few years ago. Ed is interested in doing more such walls around town. Ed mentioned a few walls around town that he has identified as being good candidates for similar rehabs, such as the Delta Gamma sorority house at College and State, Grosvenor at Fort, Union Street by Union Street Diner. Guy mentioned a wall at Union and Depot that might be a candidate as well. Guy thinks that this could help reduce graffiti spots around town too. Paul wondered if there would be issues with ADA sidewalk requirements if walls are extended into ROW. Ed has access to bricks and can help with contracting. He is looking for assistance with discussions with property owners and funding. An inventory of walls in Athens is needed. Paul will check if this has already been done. The commission supports this project and will discuss a resolution to council to continue these efforts.

5. Old Business

- a. Commission membership—Chris Fahl will bring the request to make alternates full members at next Council committee meeting.
- b. CLG—Sarie has agreed to assist with the application
- c. Heritage Ohio membership—Paul has requested this to the Mayor.
- d. Commission priorities—incentives, education, and Uptown were the top three issues from the September discussion. Guy added that education would be his top pick as well. Commission agreed that these three sound like the best.

6. Homework

Paul will look into walls

Paul and Sarie will work on CLG—aim for this Friday or next Tuesday AM.

Mary Anne will get inventory forms to Paul and Megan

All will get resumes to Paul

Megan Saunders introduced herself and discussed her work as an intern. Harry has some OU documents related to College Green and The Ridges to provide.

Elmwood and East State district documents are needed

Mary Anne discussed process with respect to registry, contributing factors, etc.

OHPO has an online inventory process available now.

7. Adjournment

Guy motioned to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.