

Athens City Historic and Architecture Preservation Commission
Minutes for the Regular Meeting
Athens City Hall, First Floor Conference Room
Monday, April 14, 2014

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 April 14, 2014.

1. Call to Order

Mary Anne Reeves called the meeting to order at 5:37 PM. Members present include Keith Chapman, Harry Wyatt, Guy Philips, Sarie Landers, and Mary Anne Reeves. Quorum was established. Members absent were Cyrus Moore and Joanne Prisley. Paul Logue attended as city representative.

2. Disposition of Minutes

The minutes from February 2014 were distributed to the members. There was no meeting in March. Guy moved to accept the February minutes. Sarie seconded the minutes. All voted in favor.

3. Next Meeting

May 12, 2014 at 5:30 PM. Sarie and Keith will not be in attendance.

4. Old Business

a. CLG status—discussion on standards versus guidelines. Guy would like to focus on guidelines to get started and allow feedback at any time in process and discuss the income tax credits that are available. Harry thinks we should consider the level of work that would trigger review by the commission. A flat roof replacement probably wouldn't warrant a review but a pitched roof may. The commission will be thinking about this more for the next few meetings. Guy wants to check with John Paszke about how to catch window/door type changes since those typically get permitted. Mary Anne recommended avoiding color requirements etc. How are university properties approached as well—OU is generally not required to file permits. Paul will email the power point from the webinar to the commission. Paul and Mary Anne will contact Nathan Bevil about training. Keith prefers mornings and Mondays and Tuesdays. Guy is out from April 25-May 4. Sarie is out May 11-30.

b. Prezi—Sarie will help with updating.

5. New Business

a. Ohio University updates—College Green summer projects and The Ridges planning committee. Harry discussed the renovation of Tupper Hall being renovated to classrooms (\$10MM project). Tupper is a one year project. Lindley Hall is going under infrastructure upgrades including 2 elevators to address the half levels. Window air conditioners will be removed from both buildings. The Alumni Gate is going to be addressed this summer as well. Rehabilitation includes adding an ADA ramp and replacing some retaining walls and pilasters. The brick path from the gate to Cutler Hall will also be widened and

improved. Harry discussed general construction in that area that will warrant road closures over the summer to Mulberry, Park Place, and University Terrace. OU expects to do tuck pointing and front door replacement to Memorial Auditorium in 2015.

Harry also gave background on recent planning efforts with respect to The Ridges. The university has formed a master plan committee with three subcommittees (lands, buildings, and academics). OU has an RFP posted for a planning consultant to assist with this work. A community focused advisory committee has also been put in place. Most community feedback is with respect to preservation of the original Kirkbride buildings. The commission discussed the importance of the Kirkbride footprint to the image and history of Athens and Ohio University. OU has been given some state appropriations in the upcoming fiscal year for additional improvements to the Kennedy Museum.

b. historic district signage—Mary Anne provided some information on highway signage. The commission encourages the city to look into this more. The city would need to provide local signage from the highway. Paul will check with Andy and ODOT on this.

c. Athens Armory—Paul will arrange access to the building for the commission. Keith expressed interest in serving on the council ad hoc.

6. Adjournment

Guy moved to adjourn the meeting at 7 PM.