

Athens City Historic and Architecture Preservation Commission
Minutes
Athens City Hall, First Floor Conference Room
Monday, February 9, 2015

1. Call to Order

Mary Anne Reeves called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM. Members present include Mary Anne, Sarie Landers, Guy Philips, Ann Fidler, and Joanne Prisley. Cyrus Moore and Keith Chapman were absent. Victoria McCollum was a guest.

Ann introduced Victoria to the preservation commission. Victoria is dual major student at OU in history and communications. She is interested in pursuing a master's degree in historic preservation after graduating. She is interested in working on preservation inventory. The commission members introduced themselves to Victoria.

2. Disposition of Minutes

The minutes from January 2015 were reviewed. Correction noted to the spelling Mrs. Prisley's last name. Guy motioned to approve the minutes were the change noted. Sarie seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the minutes.

3. Next Meeting

March 9, 2015 at 5:30 PM

4. New Business

a. CLG Grant—Armory. Paul gave a summary of the application that was submitted to Ohio History Connection. Request is for a use and market study for the Armory.

b. Frank Packard presentation in March—Packard was an Ohio based architect that did many significant and registered buildings throughout Ohio and the Midwest. Several buildings on OU's campus are Packard buildings. Barb Powers, head of the national register program at Ohio History Connection is working on a book on Packard and wants to give a talk in Athens on Packard. Maybe Tuesday, March 10? Mary Anne suggested that the historical museum can give her a local tour and maybe dinner? OU reps—Shawna Bolin, Joe Shields, Steve Golding, McDavis, Richard Shultz, Katherine Jelason, Doug McCabe, Bill Kimick. Ridges committee. Marge Stone etc. Check with Barb Powers regarding which Athens buildings are Packard. Seating is limited. Question about lecture summary and title—will check with Barb.

5. Old Business

a. Historic district designation for Union Street fire site—Mary Anne and Paul summarized the situation today. Joanne moved to ask council to create a local historic district that includes 14, 16, 18, 22 West

Union Street, Ann seconded. All voted in favor. Guy abstained. Paul will take this request to city council at the next committee meeting.

b. Inventories—Torie has been doing some research. Best times are after 2 PM. Meeting on Friday, Feb 20 at 2 PM. Can Cyrus email documents? Paul will check. Paul will order the inventory book.

c. Tax abatements—ORC allows them, city would need to designate. Guy found city council ordinance from 1978 relating to community reinvestment areas. Use as a carrot to get preservation.

6. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:54 PM.