

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

1. Call to Order

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

2. Disposition of Minutes

A few corrections to minutes were noted with the spelling of last names. Sarie made a motion to accept the minutes with corrections noted. Ann seconded. All voted in favor.

3. Next Meeting

April 13, 2015 at 5:30 PM. Keith notified the commission that he will not be present.

4. Old Business

a. PSAC—Joe Lally informed the city that the demolition has been postponed and will not be on the board of trustees meeting this month. Lally said there were site issues that have to be worked out before the project can move forward.

Marian Vance, a board member of Preservation Ohio, is aware of the PSAC situation and recommended to Mary Anne that the PSAC be submitted for their Most Endangered Historic Sites in Ohio designation. <http://preserveohio.com/why-most-endangered/>. She is also writing a letter to the Board of Trustees to urge preservation of PSAC.

b. Barb Powers presentation on March 10—Frank Packard presentation. Presentation should last about an hour. Mary Anne heard that First Presbyterian Church was also a Packard building. Joanne questioned the accuracy of the historic district nomination for College Green regarding all the Packard buildings.

c. Inventories—Torrie and Ann went to the historical society and Cryus showed her his research. Torrie will be working on this through the remainder of the semester.

d. tax abatement program— Guy has the information on this from the past program. Commission is interested in discussing this with Council in the future. Paul mentioned this to Council last month and members didn't seem interested at this time.

5. New Business

a. OU master planning-- Ann discussed the OU comprehensive plan and Ridges Master Plan. She is concerned about other buildings on campus that may be vulnerable to demolition. Paul will share the Mindmixer link with the commission. The commission will consider sending a letter to Shawna Bolin to encourage historic preservation. Ann volunteered to start a draft.

b. Awnings-- Keith discussed wanting to put old crank style awnings on his building. The commission recommended a few resources that can do this.

6. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM