

Athens City Historic and Architecture Preservation Commission
Minutes
Athens City Hall, First Floor Conference Room
Monday, June 15, 2015

1. Call to Order

Mary Anne Reeves called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM. Members present include Mary Anne Reeves, Ann Fidler, Joanne Prisley, and Cyrus Moore. Members absent include Guy Philips and Keith Chapman. City planner Paul Logue was present as well.

2. Disposition of Minutes

The minutes from May 2015 were reviewed by the commissioners. Joanne moved to accept the minutes from May 2015. Cyrus seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All voted in favor on approving the minutes.

3. Next Meeting

July 13, 2015 at 5:30 PM

4. Old Business

a. Ridges Update—The Ridges Advisory Committee meets this Friday 6/19 at 4 PM at Baker 503. Cyrus gave a debriefing on the Asylum seminars that occurred in early June. The historical society organized the event and OU hosted and provided lunches. Presentations focused on history and mental health treatment. The commissioners discussed the Ridges planning process. Mary Anne said the Kennedy Museum has parking issues that she thinks the plan should address.

b. Inventory project—Cyrus is interested in participating in this if time allows. Paul will follow up with everyone including Avi. We are aiming for any day but Wednesday next week. Paul is signing up for the iForm software from Ohio History Connection in order to get the information logged into the system.

c. Historic preservation tax credits—The proposed state budget included language to cancel the program for the next 2 fiscal years. This language was removed from the draft this afternoon.

d. PSAC—Ann will check the Trustees agenda. Paul was told this was back up for discussion and that OU may be resuming the effort to demolish this registered building.

e. Armory—Paul discussed the brownfield grant that the city was awarded from the Athens County Port Authority. Mary Anne mentioned the clay mining process as a possible use that could have created contamination. Mary Anne asked who the consulting firm is. Paul will look up.

f. Mt. Zion church—Joanne mentioned that someone is cutting the grass.

5. New Business

a. Joanne asked about a project on Foster Place area. She has seen a new red brick building near retaining wall. Paul will see if there are any permits on this. This area of town is not in any historic districts or individually listed buildings but Joanne thinks the commission should look into this.

b. Historic signage—The commission asked about how to get signage on the highways as drivers approach Athens.

6. Adjournment

Ann motioned to adjourn. Cyrus seconded the motion to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 6:15 PM.