

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

1. Call to Order

Mary Anne Reeves called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM. Members present include Mary Anne, Ann Fidler, Keith Chapman, Guy Philips, and Cyrus Moore. Members reporting their absence in advance include Joanne Prisley and Jim Sands. Athens Mayor-elect Steve Patterson and OU planner Shawna Bolin were guests. Quorum was established.

2. Disposition of Minutes

The minutes from October 2015 were reviewed by the commission. Ann motioned to approve the minutes. Cyrus seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

3. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for December 14, 2015 at 5:30 PM.

4. New Business

a. Ohio University Master Plan—Shawna Bolin reported that there is a community meeting on 12/1 at Community Center at 6:30-8:30 PM. This will be interactive for attendees. There will be lunch and evening receptions on 12/2 at Walter Rotunda as well. Materials due to board middle of December. Present middle of January and ask for approval in March 2016. Shawna is interested in a meeting with city officials at this time as well. The Ridges framework plan was approved in October. Shawna gave a summary of major concepts in the plan including moving HCOM and replacing current uses with housing on West Green, moving some facilities and administrative sites to Ridges, engineering uses in WUSOC, move aquatics and Bird Arena and collocate with recreation programs near Ping or Stimson Ave, addition at Clippinger and new building adjacent to it. The plan will include preservation of the smaller homes around College Green. Shawna recommended that we send letter regarding community review. OU will be working architectural guidelines for historic review in early 2016 as well.

b. Steve Patterson—Steve Patterson introduced himself to the commission. The commission discussed the review process and the desire to expand the district to incorporate more of the historic districts. Steve expressed support for working on this in 2016.

c. Ann would like to discuss historic signage on the bike path, particularly the canal on the bike path. Cyrus mentioned preservation of Canal lock 26. Ann would like this to be added to new business in 2016.

5. Old Business

a. Mt. Zion-- The commission asked about an update on Mt. Zion Church. Steve has a copy of the deed and will share. Paul will check with Henry to see if there is anything new to report.

- b. Armory—Paul gave an update on the Armory planning. The city expects to apply for a mitigation grant in December.
- c. Paul and Mary Anne are working on the inventory.
- d. Guy reported that he just returned from the National Trust for Historic Preservation conference in DC. He recommended that commission members attend next year if possible.

6. Adjournment

Keith moved to adjourn. Ann seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7 PM.