

Athens City Historic and Architecture Preservation Commission
Minutes
Athens City Hall, First Floor Conference Room
Monday, December 14, 2015

1. Call to Order

Mary Anne Reeves called the meeting to order at 5:38 PM. Members present include Mary Anne, Ann Fidler, Cyrus Moore, and Joanne Prisley. Guy Philips, Keith Chapman, and Jim Sands reported their absence in advance. Quorum was established.

2. Disposition of Minutes

The minutes from November 2015 were reviewed by the commission. Cyrus motioned, Ann seconded. All voted in favor.

3. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for January 11, 2016 at 5:30 PM. Council planning and development committee chair is invited to the meeting.

4. New Business

a. Building Doctor Program—suggested co-sponsors are City, BDT, RVC, Convention and Visitors Bureau and OU. Locations include city council, community center. Dates are March, April, May and avoid spring break and graduation. Dates are Thursday/Friday. Need \$225 plus 2 hotel rooms. Ann suggested using the neighborhood assn FB pages. Paul will check with possible sponsors and confirm fee with Nathan Bevil. Joanne suggested a Sears home or the international style home at Fort and Grosvenor, and possible OU building. Cyrus, Mary Anne, and Paul confirmed they could likely drive. Paul will check regarding an OU building such as Pilcher House, Brown House, or Cutler Hall.

b. 2016 CLG grant— possibility of applying for CLG funding for expanding the uptown district. The commission thinks this is OK to work on but wants more information on match and other things.

c. Canal dam—city is considering removing the low head dam in the Hocking due to safety reasons. Paul will get more information on what the city is doing and provide to the commission.

5. Old Business

a. 2015 Holiday historic house tour—attendance was almost 400 and they raised about \$6K for the Historical Society.

b. Utah and Strathmore historic district—Cyrus and Joanne think this would be a good idea to apply.

c. Discussion on local designation—this will be worked on in 2016.

d. 2016 goals—local designation of districts or buildings and signage along bike path and highway.
Joanne asked about signage for the Bicentennial Park at Community Center. She thought this was paid for.

6. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:58 PM.