

Athens City Historic and Architecture Preservation Commission
Minutes
Athens City Hall, City Council Chambers
April 10, 2017

1. Call to Order—Commission chairman Keith Chapman called the meeting to order at 5:33 PM. Members present include Mr. Chapman, Pam Callahan, Mary Anne Reeves, Joanne Prisely, and Cyrus Moore. Members absent include Guy Philips and John Valentour. Quorum was established. Paul Logue recorded minutes from the administration. Guests include Kees VandeStadt.

2. Disposition of Minutes—the commission reviewed the minutes from March 13, 2017. Ms. Callahan motioned to approve the minutes with no changes or corrections noted. Ms. Reeves seconded Pam's motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion. The motion was approved.

3. Next Meeting—May 8, 2017

5. New Business

There was no new business.

4. Old Business

a. East State/ Elmwood outreach—Pam discussed this work for feedback. Pam wants to make sure the letter answers questions that will likely come up from recipients and doesn't create confusion. Pam read her draft to those in attendance and was provided some suggestions. Mr. Logue will check for an official copy of the nomination form and post it to the web site to create a link. Pam will make corrections and share with Betty Hollow.

b. Ohio Historic architecture presentation—Mr. Moore reported that Dana Bogart Cress' presentation on March 17 went well. The Government Channel recorded it and it is available for review. He would like another preservation corps member to present in May or June on the building nominations process. Commission members supported this effort.

c. Athens City Schools—Ms. Prisley reported that the board of education is still working on planning for the city schools but nothing is set at this time.

d. Uptown district—Keith and Mr. Philips will be working on this once the semester ends. Ms. Reeves suggested providing documents about what we are doing and how that impacts them.

e. Park Place—Joanne expressed support for preserving Park Place. Mr. Logue reported that university planning is ongoing for this but there are no final documents yet to review and comment on.

6. Announcements and Updates

Pam Callahan was appointed to the Ridges Advisory Committee. The committee will be reconvening in early May.

Paul reported that the city will be updating its comprehensive plan in 2017 and the preservation commission will be asked to appoint a member to the steering committee. The default appointment would likely be the chair of the commission.

Cyrus reported that the Southeast Ohio History Center grand opening is this Saturday April 15 from 2-5 PM. The event is open to the public.

7. Adjournment

With all agenda items satisfied and no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Paul Logue