Athens City Historic and Architecture Preservation Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Athens City Hall, City Council Chambers
May 8, 2017

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1. Call to Order—Keith Chapman called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Members present include Mr. Chapman, Joanne Prisley, John Valentour, Cyrus Moore, Mary Anne Reeves, Guy Philips, and Pam Callahan. Quorum was established. Paul Logue recorded minutes.

2. Disposition of Minutes—Ms. Reeves motioned to approve the May meeting minutes. Ms. Prisley seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of approving the minutes as submitted. The motion was approved.

3. Next Meeting—June 12, 2017

5. New Business

a. Wireless antenna review discussion—the commission discussed the co-location request on 36 N Court and didn't have any comment. They asked for updates on other applications and recommendations on how to move forward.

b. National Registry training presentation on May 25 (Cyrus Moore)—Mr. Moore presented an update on this. No registration is required. Mary Anne asked about Southeast Ohio History Center having access to the online mapping site subscription service. Mr. Philips suggested inviting the mayor of Pomeroy to the meeting. Cyrus and Mr. Logue will work on a press release.

4. Old Business

a. East State/ Elmwood—Ms. Callahan updated the commission on the letter. Guy suggested adding all members of the commission to the letter. Paul will finish the draft and re-send. Also add the map and link. Guy moved to approve the letter with the noted changes. Mary Anne seconded the motion. Copy will be sent to Betty Hollow as well.

b. Ridges update—Pam serves on the Ridges Advisory Committee. The committee recently reconvened and recommended some changes to the plan. Changes discussed include eliminating recommendation for housing in meadows near land lab and compost facility, and shifting development to site nearest Carriage Hill to include housing and city school.

c. Mr. Valentour discussed need for flexibility for property owners to upgrade buildings to make them more safe especially in uptown Athens. He expressed concern that more fires such as the West Union Street fire could occur and updated safety features are needed. He would like to see a system set up that encourages improvement through a preservation incentive lens.

6. Announcements and Updates

There were no announcements and updates.

7. Adjournment – With all agenda items satisfied and no additional business, Keith motioned to adjourn the meeting. Guy seconded the motion to adjourn. All members voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45PM.