

Athens City Historic and Architecture Preservation Commission
MINUTES
Athens City Hall, City Council Chambers
June 12, 2017

1. Call to Order—Mary Ann Reeves called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM. Members present include John Valentour, Pam Callahan, Joanne Prisley, Cyrus Moore, and Mary Ann Reeves. Members absent included Guy Philips and Keith Chapman. Quorum was established. Paul Logue recorded minutes.

2. Disposition of Minutes—the minutes from May 8 2017 were reviewed by the commission. With no additions or corrections noted Mr. Moore motioned to approve the minutes from May 2017. Ms. Callahan seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion was approved.

3. Next Meeting—July 10, 2017

5. New Business

a. Armory historic marker (Cyrus Moore)—Cyrus distributed some information to the commission. He is proposing that a historic marker be placed on the Armory grounds. Applications are due July 1. There is an Ohio Historical Marker grant for \$750. Cyrus expects a cost of \$2500 before the grant is applied. Joanne suggested that local vets may be able to contribute to that. Joanne made a motion to cover up to \$1750 of the cost for the marker. Mary Anne seconded. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Commissioner discussed current efforts to expand the uptown district. Mary Ann asked if Paul could find the map that Barb Powers provided in 2016 and property owners contact info. Paul will check with OHC regarding pipeline initiative in the new fiscal year.

Joanne asked about a street sign on Grosvenor to indicate Armory Street and to clarify Fern Street (not alley).

Cyrus has also discussed a marker at the former Athens Asylum in 2018 to mark the 150th anniversary of its opening and has been in discussion with Joe Shields about this.

4. Old Business

a. Property maintenance (John Valentour)—John discussed issues with property maintenance and incentives to make safety upgrades.

b. East State/ Elmwood—letters have not been sent out. Paul will work on this in June.

6. Announcements and Updates

7. Adjournment—Cyrus motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mary Ann seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Paul Logue

