

Athens City Historic and Architecture Preservation Commission
MINUTES
Athens City Hall, First Floor Conference Room
December 9, 2019 5:30 PM

1. Call to Order—Member Mary Anne Reeves called meeting to order a 6:30PM. Members present included Reeves, Pam Callahan, John Valentour, and Richard Vedder. Members absent include Keith Chapman, Guy Philips, and Cyrus Moore. Quorum was established. Paul Logue recorded minutes for the commission. Guests include Ohio University student Jacob Collins.

2. Disposition of Minutes—the November minutes were reviewed by the commission. A typo was noted on the spelling of “Callahan”. Callahan motioned to approve the minutes with the correction noted. Vedder seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The minutes were approved.

3. Next Meeting—January 13, 2020 at 5:30 at City Hall.

4. Old Business

A. District expansion meeting prep—Reeves provided some information from Stow, OH’s preservation commission that could be helpful for moving forward. John has reviewed city code regarding review process and how to fit it into permitting. Valentour provided an updated district map. The commissioners discussed moving forward and some assignments for members. Chapman will check on conflicts of interest. Commission needs to have a subcommittee to provide preliminary guidance. Reeves will build a FAQ sheet. Philips will prep a presentation or list on the potential benefits. Callahan will work on brochure and map. Chapman will do an introductory presentation. Valentour will cover the review process. Moore will research some case studies, photos, before and after consider Oberlin, Oxford, BG, etc. Also images of what can be lost. The meeting was tentatively set for March 19, 2020 at 6 PM Community Center. Logue will check on availability of the location.

5. New Business—there was no new business.

6. Announcements and Updates—Reeves attended the Mt. Zion annual meeting and was encouraged by what they are doing. Valentour discussed N. Court rezoning and how it positively impacts preservation of historic buildings.

7. Adjournment—Vedder motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 PM. Reeves seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Paul Logue