Athens City Historic and Architecture Preservation Commission
MINUTES
October 12, 2020 5:30 PM

1. Call to Order—Chair Mary Anne Reeves called the meeting to order at 5:30PM. Members present include Reeves, Guy Philips, Pam Callahan, Cyrus Moore, Mark Snider, Richard Vedder, and John Valentour. Quorum was established. Paul Logue recorded minutes for the board.

2. Disposition of Minutes—the minutes from September 14, 2020 were reviewed by the commission. Guy Philips made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted to the board. Pam Callahan seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. The minutes were approved.

3. Next Meeting—November 9, 2020

4. Old Business

A. District expansion—Paul Logue and John Valentour discussed the council committee meeting they presented at on September 14. The ordinances for the uptown district and Seaman's grocery will have 3rd readings and public hearings at Council next week, October 19. Commissioners talked about the need to work with city code director to set up an application form and checklist if this passes. Valentour discussed flow process and potential need for a subcommittee to help applicants. Mark Snider asked about sunshine records and sub-committees in order to facilitate review processes. Logue said he will get information from the city law director on that matter. Philips suggested meeting twice a month as needed to facilitate efficient review provided that there is public notice/agenda. Valentour has done a check list. Reeves will recommend a certificate of appropriateness for the board. Philips made a motion to have Reeves draft a certificate of appropriateness, Valentour seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. The motion was approved.

B. Prisley Award—Pam Callahan would like to bring this back up for consideration. She is concerned that this will go away if the board doesn't move something forward. Cyrus Moore suggested they give an award to Stewart McDonald. Philips suggested First Presbyterian Church at Court and Washington in uptown Athens. Moore also liked that suggestion. Vedder said he would be willing to communicate this to the minister at First Presbyterian to see if there is interest. Philips made a motion for Vedder to begin those discussions, Snider seconded, all members voted in favor. The motion was approved. Reeves said she will help Vedder with this. Callahan suggested that an award should be conditioned with a plaque installed on the exterior.

5. New Business

A. University dialog—Pam suggested the board rekindle the relationship with OU. There's a possibility OU will mothball some historic buildings. Board should be among the voices they hear from. Pam would like to see an OU rep sit in on some of these meetings. Vedder suggested the board approach President Nellis to get a recommendation for who is the right person to reach out to. Logue will ask Mayor Patterson to check with Dr. Nellis on this request.

6. Announcements and Updates—there were no announcements or updates.

7. Adjournment—Vedder made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Philips seconded the motion. All board members voted in favor of the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Paul Logue