



Minutes
Forsyth County Historic Resources Commission
February 1, 2023
4:00 p.m.
Bryce A. Stuart Municipal Building
Arnold G. King Public Meeting Room, 5th Floor
100 East First Street, Winston-Salem

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kaky Berry, Chair; C.J. Idol, Vice-Chair; Scott Binkley; Edwin Bouldin; Chad Gadberry; Emma Haney; Veronica Kromm; LeAnn Pegram; Noah Reynolds; Tina Thacker

MEMBERS ABSENT: Janet Shill and Nicole Townsend-Green

STAFF PRESENT: Heather Bratland; Michelle McCullough
Deputy City Attorney Jerry Kontos

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of January 4, 2023 Meeting Minutes

MOTION by Ms. Thacker to approve the January 4, 2023, minutes.

SECOND: Mr. Bouldin

Vote: Unanimous

II. CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS APPLICATIONS

There were no applications for Certificates of Appropriateness.

III. MINOR WORK REPORT

No comments on the Minor Work Report.

IV. OTHER NOMINATIONS/PUBLIC HEARINGS

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Historic Marker Committee

1. Ms. Berry appointed Scott Binkley to the Historic Marker Committee.

2. Rules of Procedure amendment

Ms. Bratland reviewed proposed changes to the Rules of Amendment re. categorical seats on the Committee for Commission members. Mr. Reynolds moved that the Commission approve the Committee Rules of Procedure.

SECOND: Ms. Pegram

Vote: Unanimous

3. Marker text review and approval

a. Dr. Charlie Brady Hauser

Ms. Bratland reviewed the proposed marker text. The Commission discussed the text and requested staff to revise the language to make it more chronological.

b. St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church

Ms. Bratland reviewed the proposed marker text. The Commission discussed the text. Ms. Pegram moved that the Commission approve the text.

SECOND: Ms. Kromm

Vote: Unanimous

4. Next meeting November 15

B. Education Committee

1. Ms. Berry appointed Allison Muldovan based on a recommendation from the Education Committee.
2. Revised Rules of Procedure

Ms. McCullough reviewed proposed changes to the Rules of Amendment re. categorical seats on the Committee for Commission members. Ms. Thacker moved that the Commission approve the Rules of Procedure.

SECOND: Mr. Idol
Vote: Unanimous

3. 75th Anniversary planning
 - a. May trivia night
 - b. October 7 walking tour
 - c. November 4 birthday party

4. Next meeting February 27 at 4:00 p.m.

C. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee

1. Ms. Berry appointed Cheryl Harry based on a recommendation from the DEI Committee.
2. Rules of Procedure review

Ms. McCullough reviewed proposed changes to the Rules of Amendment re. categorical seats on the Committee for Commission members. Ms. Thacker moved that the Commission approve the Rules of Procedure.

SECOND: Mr. Idol
Vote: Unanimous

3. Black History Month

Ms. Bratland discussed staff plans for four social media posts re. Commission “firsts” related to Black history.

4. Next meeting February 8 at 4:00 p.m.

VI. **STAFF REPORT**

A. Staff Changes

Ms. Bratland announced that Kelly Bennett and Tiffany White had been selected as the principal planners to manage the new Comprehensive Planning and Community Character team. Mr. Bennett or Ms. White will be replacing David Reed and begin attending Commission meetings soon.

B. Revision to Commission Rules of Procedure & UDO

Ms. Bratland reviewed proposed changes to the Commission Rules of Procedure to bring them into conformance with state statute, establish the DEI as a standing committee, and address other needs. Mr. Idol moved that the Commission approve the revised Rules of Procedure.

SECOND: Mr. Reynolds
Vote: Unanimous

Ms. Bratland announced that staff was working on two sets of changes to the *Unified Development Ordinances* (UDO). The first UDO amendment will be to change the structure of the Commission by eliminating the categorical seats for the planner/archaeologist/landscape architect/arborist and the architectural historian/historic preservation professional. Ms. Thacker asked questions about the loss of professional expertise on the Commission. Ms. Bratland and Ms. McCullough reminded the Commission that the membership requirements are determined by the elected bodies, not the Commission itself, and that this issue had been raised at the July 2022 retreat. They discussed the desire of the elected bodies to increase the size of the applicant pool and thereby increase diversity on the Commission.

C. 2023 CLG Grant Applications

1. Forsyth County Manuscript Phase 2
2. Old Salem Historic District Design Review Standards

Ms. McCullough discussed the two projects and explained that staff did not recommend applying for the Design Review Standards. Outside applicants for CLG grants will be heard at the Commission's April 12 meeting.

D. Update on Hanes House National Register nomination

The Hanes House nomination will be heard at the February 6 City Council meeting.

E. Review of Memorandum of Agreement on the Thomas B. Smothers U.S. Army Reserve Center

Ms. McCullough reviewed the project and proposed Memorandum of Agreement. The Commission discussed and asked for these additions to be included in the mitigation efforts:

1. Funding a local historic marker. The marker program is one of the Commission's most visible and popular programs and commemorates buildings and sites that have contributed to the history of the City and County. The Commission believes this building and site would be an excellent candidate for a historic marker.
2. Contacting the Smothers family to make them aware of the adverse effect and the future plans for the building.
3. Engage an archeologist to observe and document the Thomas B. Smothers U.S. Army Reserve Center site while the buildings are demolished, during grading, and while doing any site work. Even though we associate the 20th century with being very well documented, the material culture present would give insight into the past, which would not be present in any written documents. With this era drawing increasing interest from the academic community, archaeology has also become increasingly interested.
4. Salvaging any plaques, corner stones, physical memorials, and/or anything similar to those items, prior to demolition. Those items should be donated to the City of Winston-Salem.

VII. **FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER**

NEXT MEETING: March 1, 2023