

Pascagoula Historic Preservation Commission
Wednesday 23 March 2022 – City Council Chambers
Minutes

The March meeting of the Pascagoula Historic Preservation Commission was called to order by Chairman Liz Ford at 12 o'clock, after it was determined a quorum was present .

Present: Michele Gautier Lee, Chris Wiggins, Richard Lucas, Martin Hegwood, Barry McIlwain, Liz Ford

Excused: Tommy Wixon, Michele Coats, Kevin Hall

Ex Officio: Katarina Scott, Rebecca Davis

Other: Dan Lee

OLD BUSINESS:

Status Proposed Buena Vista Historical District – Michele Coats/Liz Ford

- Nothing new to report

Status Baptiste tombs/Greenwood Cemetery – Tommy Wixon

- No report

Madame Pontalba & Gaston Potable's Exhibit – Tommy Wixon, Dan Lee reporting

- Exhibit postponed as Library closed early due to weather conditions
- Will be rescheduled

Downtown Housing – Michele Coats/Rebecca Davis – Rebecca reporting

- Lots of downtown construction/renovation underway
 - o Hancock Bank, Monica's
 - o Oddfellows will add two more apartments downstairs
 - o Daggett House has sold
 - o Main Street and Art Center have moved to the former Community Development Building
 - o Lee Tracy and two apartments will be in the old art center building

LaPointe-Krebs House/LP-K Foundation – Liz Ford

- Dwayne Coats has been hired as Administrator, and is doing a fantastic job
- Fete planning meeting will be on the 30th 6:00 PM, at the Country Club
- Work Day 8 to 12 Saturday April 23 – Day will start with beignets and coffee at 8 AM
- Hugo Krebs' Birthday Bash will be he 14th of May – 1 to 4 PM – Family fun Day
- Lime Burn on Tuesday 12 May at Point Park

WWII Heritage City – Martin Hegwood

- Martin has been in contact with the Dale Center (War Heritage Think Tank) at USM and was referred to Doug Bristol, retired Military Professor who is very interested in the project
- The NPS is restructuring the program, but we will not have to resubmit our application

Status of the Navy Houses marker – Liz ford

- The marker is still in front of the Hulls House
- Katarina said to send her the information re correct location of the marker, as well as the other two, and she will get the information to Public Works.

Pascagoula Depot – Kevin Hall, Katarina Scott reported

- Expect the funding will be forthcoming

Jackson County Historical & Genealogical Society – Dan Lee

- Mississippi Heritage Trust is scheduled to present the program on Oldfields at the April meeting of the Society
- Contract has been let for the roof replacement at Oldfields
- MHT's annual preservation conference is scheduled for June 9 & 10 in Raymond
- Dan expects to be replaced as President, and new Officers elected next month

NEW BUSINESS:

Possible Nominations for National Register Listing:

- Michele Coats would like to see the Anola Club be listed
- Chris Wiggins would like to encourage the Little Theater Building owned by the American Legion be considered

CLG Training in 2022

- Training will take place four Tuesdays in August – location TBD.
 - o Liz told Michele we would be glad to host one of the sessions

OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/DISCUSSION:

- Richard Lucas publicly complimented Chris Wiggins for his promotion of Singing River Little Theatre and for getting the public enthusiasm behind the group
- Katarina said many homeowners are eligible for tax credits on their homes
 - o Liz said every building listed on the National Register, by district, or individually, has been given to 14th Street
 - o Katarina volunteered to draft a letter to send to homeowners to let them know they are eligible for tax credits
- Martin Hegwood asked about the status of the DeJean House
 - o The present owner Sharon DeJean Freeman works in Jackson, and he will get in touch with her
- Martin also mentioned the Tree Butchers, hired by Mississippi Power, are hard at work on River Road
 - o Discussion followed regarding the mess they are making of the oak trees

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 1 PM

Michele Gautier Lee, Note Taker