

Pascagoula Historic Preservation Commission  
Wednesday 25 January 2023  
Main Street Conference Room  
Minutes

The January meeting of the Pascagoula Historic Preservation Commission was called to order by Chairman Liz Ford at 12:00 Noon, after it was determined a quorum was present.

Present: Richard Lucas, Michele Gautier Lee, Tommy Wixon, Chris Wiggins, Barry McIlwain, and Liz Ford

Excused: Kevin Hall, Michele Coats, & Martin Hegwood

Ex Officio: None

Other: Dan Lee

The minutes of the combined November & December meeting on 30 November were approved as presented on a motion by Barry McIlwain, seconded by Tommy Wixon.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Update Buena Vista Historic District
- - No Report
- Downtown Housing
- - Banners are down from the side of the Barq's Building in anticipation of groundbreaking for Hotel Whiskey
- LaPointe Krebs House/LPK foundation
- A work session Beignets & Brushes will be held on Saturday the 11th of February from 8 to 12
- Plans are in the work for celebrating Hugo's Birthday on 13<sup>th</sup> of May with vendors and food trucks
- A lime burn will be on the 15<sup>th</sup> of April at the Point – discussing wiener toast to be included in the activities

- World War II Heritage City
- Martin & Richard will meet with Debbie Anglin and Billy Ellzey regarding working with the history teachers and using guest speakers to Share the information on to students
- Various options were discussed regarding celebrating the designation
- Rebecca is in touch with MDAH regarding the historical sign
- Marking of Bayous
- - Discussed getting with DMR once the various bayous have been located, identified, and designated
- Signage – Historical & Directional
- Need briefly discussed including the signs need to be consistent and updated.

#### **New Business:**

- Status DeJean House – no report
- MHT Annual Meeting 08 -09 June in Pascagoula
- Discussed the possibility of using the trolley for a tour of historic district (s)

#### **Other Business/Announcements**

- There will be a public work session on Tuesday 28 February at 5:15 PM at the Senior Center sponsored by the City Council and PRA for the purpose of receiving input as to various directions for the city to expand PRA activities. etc.
- Dan Lee announced the theme for the year for the Historical Society will be sports, and very probably the theme of the 2023 Cemetery Tour as well.
- Dan also announced Lolly Rash and Ken P'Pool will present a program at WAMA on Oldfields, from 6 to 8 PM on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February.
- Richard Lucas shared information he had received from a gentleman in the Chicago area regarding an older lady with many happy years of her teenaged years in Pascagoula and at Ole Miss. She is a well-known artist now living in a nursing home.
- Tommy Wixon announced Ryan Fertel, the grandson of Pappy Weinberg, a diamond broker Tommy apprenticed under, will have a book signing "The Brown Pelican "at WAMA on the 28<sup>th</sup> of January.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned ab 1:15 The next meeting will be at 12 Noon on Wednesday 22 February

### **Update Work Plans for 2022-23**

- Continue pursuing National register Historical District status for South Buena Vista
- Community engagement
- Conduct Historical Tours on Beach Blvd, and other historical districts, at appropriate occasions.
- Pursue Historical Markers for cemeteries.
- Pursue signage for Historical Districts
- Pursue signage for Community Historic Waterways.
- Continued support for Cemetery Tours, Gabriel Cemetery & LP-K.
- Explore possibility of funding in the City budget for matching funds for possible grants.
- Assist with locating & rehabilitating of a historic building as a permanent home for the Singing River Little Theatre.
- Support of the Mississippi Heritage Trust Conference 08-09 June

Michele Lee and Liz Ford, Note Takers