

Pascagoula Historic Preservation Commission
Wednesday 22 February 2023
Main Street Conference Room
Minutes

The February 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 January 26 meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Richard Lucas, seconded by Barry McIlwain.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Update Buena Vista Historic District
- - No Report
- Downtown Housing
- - Restaurant on Magnolia closed after being opened a short time; a burger shop will be opening instead (old Sara Sue's) soon
- Butcher Shop will be opening in old Bush Office Supply building
- Hotel Whiskey construction underway
- LaPointe Krebs House/LPK foundation
- February work session cancelled due to inclement weather
- Lime Burn at the Point on 15 April
- Hugo's Birthday Party 13 May
- World War II Heritage City
- Martin & Richard had a good meeting with Debbie Anglin and Billy Ellzey regarding working with the history teachers and involving guest speakers discussing Pascagoula's role in WW2
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- Martin will speak to the JCH&G Society on March 01 regarding the process involved in achieving the designation.
- Rebecca is in touch with MDAH regarding the replacement post for the Navy Houses historical marker.
- - Barry suggested a great location for the sign, as well as an information center, would be the old Navy house next to Creative Concrete.
- Senator Roger Wicker will advise the city when he is available to formally announce the designation in Pascagoula.
- Need to promote being Mississippi's WW2 Heritage City via city signage, stationary, etc., as well as the need for updated consistent signage, such as wayfinding, historical districts, etc.
- Marking of Bayous
 - Discussed getting with DMR for assistance with the signage once the various bayous have been located, identified, and designated
- Signage – Historical & Directional
 - Briefly discussed including the signage needs to be consistent and updated – this needs to be mentioned at the City/PRA meeting on the 28th.

New Business:

- Status DeJean House – no report
- MHT Annual Meeting 08 -09 June in Pascagoula
 - Dan Lee will meet with MHT Committee tomorrow to select venues, contracts, etc.
 - It was suggested a continuous slide presentation of the lost Beach Blvd homes, and the Historic Districts could be shown in one of the meeting rooms during the event.
- The possibility of publishing a joint historical brochure with the LP-K, the SB & Maritime Museum, and the Lighthouse was discussed.
 - To cover expenses, maybe ads could be sold, or perhaps this might be eligible for a CLG grant to cover part of the cost.
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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.

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There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 1:15 The next meeting will be at 12 Noon on Wednesday 22 March 2023

Michele Lee and Liz Ford, Note Takers

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