

Pascagoula Historic Preservation Commission
Wednesday 25 May 2022 – Main Street Conference Room
Minutes

The May 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 Coats, Chris Wiggins, Richard Lucas, Tommy Wixon, Michele Gautier Lee, Barry McIlwain Liz Ford

Excused: Martin Hegwood, and Kevin Hall

Ex Officio: Katarina Scott, Rebecca Davis

Other: Dan Lee, Les Osborne

The minutes of the 27 April meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Richard Lucas, seconded by Tommy Wixon.

Liz introduced Les Osborne who addressed the Commission regarding the Tiny Diner, which is behind Coulter Building on Pascagoula Street. The building has been sold, and the new owner would like to donate the diner, which has not been used in many years, rather than demolish it.

- Les has done a lot of research and found that the Europa Dinning Company still builds the modular diners. This one is believed to be in pretty good shape.
- After much enthusiastic discussion the following steps will be taken in an effort to save this landmark.
- Les will ask Bruce Grimes to examine the diner regarding condition; Johnny Walker regarding the feasibility of temporarily storing the building on his newly acquired property at Ingalls and Pascagoula Streets; talk with Greg Hayes regarding the feasibility and cost of moving the diner to a temporary location and talk with Keith Delcambre to see if he would be interested.
- Richard will talk with Alice Walker to ascertain if PRA funds might be available and to Steve Brady to see if he might be interested.
- Richard Chenoweth will be contacted by Michele Lee to see if he might be interested.

Les was thanked for bringing the diner to our attention and all parties will stay in touch.

OLD BUSINESS:

Proposed Buena Vista Historical District – Michele Coats/Liz ford

- On hold

Greenwood Cemetery – Tommy Wixon

- No progress – waiting on the monument

Downtown Housing – Michele Coats

- Sara Sues has been sold for residential
- Daggett House sold and will be used for residential
- Also the Ebb Ford House and bail bond office have been sold and will be residential

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

- the lime burn at the Point drew a lot of spectators
- Hugo's Birthday party was a huge success – about 200 people attended
 - o Dave Elliott with WLOX did a great job promoting the House, Museum and Hugo's Birthday Party on the 4 o'clock show
- Plans are underway for the Fete on 20 August at the Hilton
 - o Sponsor letters will be mailed in early June
- Four-page color spread in the recent MISSISSIPPI MAGAZINE
- Mississippi Roads will be back in June to film more on the lime burn

WWII Heritage City – Martin Hegwood

- No further news from the Park Service
- The Navy House marker still has not been relocated although Katarina submitted a work order to Public Works some time back

Jackson County Historical & Genealogical Society – Dan Lee

- 14 students from area high schools have been identified and will assist with activities including the Cemetery Tour
- The theme for the tour will be Ship Captains
 - o Richard will mention the theme to Lorren at the Mississippi Maritime Museum who hopefully will assist with artifacts etc
 - o Working to get the high school jazz ensemble to play
- Ken P'Pool, Martha Duvall, and Tommy Wixon presented the program on Oldfields at the May meeting of the Society
- MHT's annual preservation conference is scheduled for June 9 & 10 in Raymond

- Representatives from each high school will be joining the Board as Junior members.
- Dan Lee then shared information about the American Village, a 188 acre reconstructed Colonial Village in Montebello Alabama

NEW BUSINESS

- Future National register Nominations
 - o Michele Coats is working on the nomination for the Anola Club and will have an update for the June meeting
- CLG 2022 Training
 - o no update
- Liz received a call from the Chairman of the PRA regarding two situations with MDAH and Historic Tax Credits
 - o She talked with Ken P'Pool when he was here yesterday and Ken said if tax credits were involved, MDAH did have the final say on proposed changes to buildings in a NR Historical District
 - o It was determined if the rulings were being appealed, letters of support would be written.

OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/DISCUSSION:

- Chris Wiggins suggested the Commission forego trying to have a Historic Trolley Tour on the 4th of July, but to continue planning to conduct the tours during Cruisin' in October
- The open-air trolley is a lot more fun than a van and the response is much better.
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There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 1:20 PM. The next scheduled meeting will be 22 June at 12 noon.

Liz Ford, Note Taker