

PASCAGOULA HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
P. O. Drawer 908
Pascagoula MS 39568-0908

Minutes - Wednesday 26 May 2021
Community Development Conference Room

Commission Chairwoman, Liz Ford, called the meeting to order at 12 Noon. A quorum was determined, due to two pending resignations, and everyone was welcomed to the meeting.

Commission members present: Michele Gautier Lee, Tommy Wixon, Barry McIlwain, and Liz Ford

Commission members excused Walter Mansfield, Martin Hegwood, Kevin Hall, and Marcia Baumhauer

Ex Officio: Rebecca Davis, Main Street Pascagoula

Others: Dan Lee, and Richard Lucas

The minutes from the 24 March meeting, on a motion by Michele Lee, seconded by Tommy Wixon, unanimously passed by the members in attendance. The minutes from the 28 April meeting, on a motion by Barry McIlwain, seconded by Tommy Wixon, passed unanimously by those in attendance.

Report of CLG Zoom Training Sessions

- a. "The difference between National Register and Local Designation" – Michele Lee reporting
 - a. Two types of ordinance – enabling and enacting
- b. "Historic Preservation Tax Credits" – Liz Ford reporting
 - a. Incentives –
 - i. 20% Federal Tax Credit – property must be income producing
 - ii. 25% State Tax Credit – came be income producing or owner occupied
 - b. Requirements
 - i. Must be certified in a Historic District
 1. If not listed must be eligible for listing
 - ii. Must be listed before final credits can be taken
 - c. Must be rehab not restoration
 - d. Must meet the Secretary of the Interior Standards for Rehabilitation
 - e. Credits can be combined to meet 45% of the expenses
 - i. Qualified rehab expenses include:
 1. Mechanical

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2. Windows
3. Life safety
4. Project professional fees
- ii. Unqualified expenses include:
 1. Furniture
 2. Appliances
 3. Landscaping
 4. Building additions/new construction
 5. Acquisition costs
- iii. Rehab must be substantial
 1. Value of the building minus value of the land
- f. State requirements
 - i. Expenses must be more than \$5,000.00
 - ii. Projects begun before January 2021 not eligible
- c. Links to all four training session have been emailed to all Commissioners

Old Business

- Status of Buena Vista Historical District – Michele Coats
 - No report
- Landmark Status for Carver High School – Liz Ford
 - No information to date from the School System
- Status of Baptiste marker in Greenwood Cemetery – Tommy Wixon
 - The family has agreed to restore two graves
 - Memorial marker needs to be chosen and ordered
- Pontabla Exhibit Status – Tommy Wixon
 - Might have to find another site as the Library is getting ready for a big renovation including new ac and carpeting
- Downtown Historic District – Rebecca Davis
 - Everything is going great downtown
 - 3rd Friday rescheduled to the 4th Friday due to PHS graduation
 - The Graham property on DuPont has been sold for a restaurant

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- The Premier Partnership Award will be presented Main Street Pascagoula at the Annual Main Street Awards meeting on 17 June in Jackson!
- Status of Depot – Rebecca reporting for Kevin Hall
 - Depot is being looked at by a private developer
 - Working on easements
 - Estimate 1.1 million to rehabilitate
- WW II Heritage City – Martin Hegwood
 - Deadline for the application is 31 August
 - Working on the contact information for the Congressional Delegation
- La Pointe-Krebs House Status – Liz Ford
 - The rededication of the house and the birthday party was a huge success
 - Lots of people attended – conservative estimate was 300
 - Abbreviated cemetery tour was a big attraction
 - Now expect final completion around the end of August

New Business

- Nomination of the Ice House for the 10 Most
 - The Ice House is under contract to Jordan Necault for housing, restaurant (s) and maybe a micro-brewery
- Public Hearing 23 June
 - This will be for input by residents on the proposed downtown historic district
 - It will take place in the Council Chambers at 12 noon in lieu of our regular meeting
- Historic Trolley Tours 4th of July
 - Call for volunteers
 - City trolley will be available to be pulled by a private vehicle
 - Rebecca suggested considering a golf cart parade as well
- Cemetery Tour – Dan Lee
 - Plans are underway
 - Five veterans are buried in the Cemetery and they will be recognized

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Other Business/Announcements/Discussions

- MHT Listen Up Conference in Natchez June 09-11
 - Dan & Michele Lee plan to attend
- OldFields
 - Flyer attached
 - All day workshop to help determine the future of OldFields
 - 16 June from 9 Am until after 5 PM
- Short discussion regarding asking City to reinstate the Commission in the budget in order to have reimbursable travel funds for attending required training session in 2021-22.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:35 PM. The next meeting will be the Public Hearing on June 23. We will have an abbreviated meeting with no refreshments!

Liz Ford, Note taker

Work Plans for 2020- 21

- Discuss, investigate, study and determine feasibility of establishing Navy Houses Local Historic District
 - Not feasible due to non-contiguous areas and renovation of most of the houses, however will support JCH&G Society regarding the historical marker.
- Continue pursuing National Register Historical District status for south Buena Vista.
- Continue pursuing Mississippi Landmark Status for Carver High School.
- Assist Main Street, wherever possible, in obtaining National Register Status for Downtown, or for individual buildings in the downtown district.
- Community Engagement:
 - Conduct Historical Tours on Beach Blvd during 4th of July Fireworks and explore possibility of more extended tours during Cuisin'
 - Pursue Historical Markers for cemeteries.
 - Pursue signage for the Historical Districts.
 - Continued support for Cemetery Tour & the LP-K
 - Seek other community outreach possibilities.
 - Post photographs of Beach Blvd houses destroyed by Katrina on web site and other social media outlets. – **ACCOMPLISHED** – thanks Katarina and Barry!!
 - Explore possibility of small amount of funding in City budget for reimbursable travel expenses and/or matching funds for possible CLG grants.