

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

Minutes - Wednesday 23 June 2021  
City Hall – Council Chamber

Commission Chairwoman, Liz Ford, called the meeting to order at 12 Noon. A quorum was determined, and everyone was welcomed to the meeting, which was a Public Hearing to determine the fate of the Scranton Historic District.

Commission members present: Michele Coats, Tommy Wixon, Barry McIlwain, Martin Hegwood, and Liz Ford

Commission members excused Walter Mansfield, Michele Gautier Lee, Kevin Hall, and Marcia Baumhauer

Ex Officio: Jay Willis, Mayor Elect; Michael Silverman, City Manager; Katarina Scott, Community Relations; Rebecca Davis, Main Street Pascagoula

Public Hearing: James Bridgforth, MDAH National Register Coordinator; Meredith Massey, MDAH CLG Coordinator, Jeff Rosenberg, MGCNHA & author of the NR Nomination

Others: Chris Wiggins, and Richard Lucas

The meeting was turned over to James Bridgforth, who showed a power point presentation of what being listed on the National Register did and did not entail.

Jeff Rosenberg then discussed the nomination itself:

- There were a few changes to the period of significance – 1885-1972
- The National Register criteria being cited was:
  - o Exploration and settlement
  - o Commercial planning and development
  - o Political and government
  - o Architecture
- The nomination will be presented to the MDAH Review Board on 15 July
  - o The material will be reviewed
  - o A vote will be taken whether to approve the nomination
- The nomination will then be sent to the National Park Service
  - o The Park Service will then have 45 days to review the documentation
  - o Very seldom is a nomination turned down.

James Bridgforth mentioned that any objections to the nomination must be notarized and sent to MDAH before 15 July.

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A question and answer session followed, and the hearing was completed. There were no objectors at the meeting.

Due to the time restraints, the approval of the minutes of the 26 May meeting, and other business was postponed until the August meeting.

Martin Hegwood distributed a proposed letter to be sent to the Congressional Delegation by both hard copy and email ASAP regarding the nomination of Pascagoula as Mississippi's World War II Heritage City.

Mayor-elect Wills suggested that Katrina Scott, Community Relations, could assist with the distribution of the letter to the Congressional Delegation,

There being no further business at this time, the meeting adjourned at 12:45. The next meeting will be July 28 at 12 noon in the Community Development Conference Room.

Liz Ford, Note taker

**Work Plans for 2020- 21**

- Discuss, investigate, study and determine feasibility of establishing Navy Houses Local Historic District
  - o 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:
  - o Conduct Historical Tours on Beach Blvd during 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks and explore possibility of more extended tours during Cuisin'
  - o Pursue Historical Markers for cemeteries.
  - o Pursue signage for the Historical Districts.
  - o Continued support for Cemetery Tour & the LP-K
  - o Seek other community outreach possibilities.
  - o Post photographs of Beach Blvd houses destroyed by Katrina on web site and other social media outlets. – **ACCOMPLISHED** – thanks Katarina and Barry!!
  - o Explore possibility of small amount of funding in City budget for reimbursable travel expenses and/or matching funds for possible CLG grants.