

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

Date: Wednesday 28 July 2021

Location: City Council Chambers

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

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

Ex Officio: None present

Others: Chris Wiggins, Dan Lee, Richard Lucas

Commission Chairwoman, Liz Ford, called the meeting to order at 12:05 PM. A quorum was determined, and everyone was welcomed to the meeting.

Tommy Wixon, seconded by Michele Lee, moved the 26 May minutes be approved; Michele Coats, seconded by Barry McIlwain, moved the 23 June public hearing notes be approved; both motions passed unanimously.

**Old Business**

- Status of Buena Vista Historical District
  - Jeff has recommended that the boundaries be extended north which would take in some Navy houses and Inglewood home.
- Landmark Status for Carver High School
  - Wayne Rodolfich advised he passed the paper work to the Board Attorney, and will follow up.
- Status of Baptiste Tombs in Greenwood Cemetery – Tommy Wixon
  - Waiting on the tombstone man.
- Madame Pontabla & Gaston Pontabla’s forthcoming exhibit – Tommy Wixon
  - Everything is ready except the Library. As soon as the Library reopens to the public, the exhibit will be held.
- Downtown Housing – Michele Coats
  - All of the projects are going well
    - City Center expects to be completed in December

- Two apartments in the Oddfellows Building have been rented, and work is progressing on the other three, as well as the commercial space
    - One of the two retail spaces in the Monica's Building has been committed; work is beginning on the building
    - The Depot is going back and forth – maybe be utilized for retail space
      - A local developer is involved with the Depot
  - MDAH unanimously approved the Scranton Historic District application on 15 July
    - The application will be sent to the Park Service who has 45 days to accept or reject (which is highly unlikely) the application
- LaPointe-Krebs House/LP-K Foundation – Liz Ford
  - The final work through is scheduled for 06 August
    - Interpretative signage is all that remains, and is underway
  - The Cattails and Cocktails Drawdown is scheduled for 21 August and tickets are going fast.
    - All proceeds go to the LP-K
- WWII Heritage City – Martin Hegwood
  - Martin advised he has reviewed all of the Chronicle Star newspapers from 1938-45 time period and recorded all of the headlines
  - In addition, he has read all available Ingalls News at MDAH and recorded the information as well.
- 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Krebs Cemetery Tour – Dan Lee
  - The event will be October 28, and the theme will be World War II.
    - A large tent will be set up on the middle ground
      - A USO type performance will take place
      - Teenagers will dance 'jive'
      - A jazz band will play
      - Some of the Chorale members, and Rogena Mitchell will sing
      - Intentions are to have two 'shows' – one at 4:30 and one at 7:30
        - Before and after the cemetery tour
        - In addition there will be something going on at the entrance gate
    - There will be three scenes – How We Endured the War
      - Scene 1 – Local impacts on the community
      - Scene 2 – Those who served in the Army and the Army Air Corp
        - Tee McCovey has agreed to portray Lt Bonham again
      - Scene 3 – Those who served in the Sea Service
    - Michele will need help with the costumes

## **New Business**

- Resignations
  - The resignations of Marcia Baumhauer and Walter Mansfield will be accepted with reluctance.

- As Chris Wiggins and Richard Lucas, along with Dan Lee, have attended nearly every meeting of the Commission for over a year, and participated in many activities such as The Historic Trolley Tour, The Cemetery Tour, etc., the commission will recommend to the City Council they be appointed to fill the places of Marcia and Walter.
  - The ordinance requires members to be residents of the City, and to represent certain elements.
    - Marcia represented Educator/Historian and Walter represented the field of Archaeology, however there is neither an Archaeologist nor an Architect living in Pascagoula that we can locate and both Chris with his background of historical research, and Richard with his background of historic reenactments will aid and enhance the Commission.

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

- Michele Lee is now on the Rosalie Board and has to present a program at Rosalie Day.
  - Dan is working on a presentation about two lesser-known American Patriots – Galvez & Pollock.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 1:20 pm.

Notes by Liz Ford

### **Work Plans for 2020:**

- Concentrate on assisting the Committee with obtaining WW2 Heritage City status.
- Continue pursuing National Register Historical District for South Buena Vista.
- Continue pursuing Mississippi Landmark Status for Carver High School.
- Assist Main Street, wherever, whenever possible, in obtaining NR statues for Downtown, or for individual building in the Downtown District.
- Community Engagement
  - Conduct Historical Tours on Beach Blvd during 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks, and explore possibility of more extended tour during Cruisin'.
  - Pursue Historical Markers for cemeteries.
  - Pursue signage for the Historical Districts.
  - Continued support for Cemetery Tour & the LPK
  - 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/pr matching funds for possible CLG grants