

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

Date: Wednesday 25 August 2021

Location: Community Development Conference Room

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

Commission members excused: Kevin Hall, Martin Hegwood

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 in as much as four of the current seven members were in attendance. Everyone was welcomed to the meeting.

Michele Lee, seconded by Barry McIlwain, moved the 28 July minutes be approved as presented; motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

- Status of Buena Vista Historical District – Michele Coats
 - No report
- Landmark Status for Carver High School – Liz Ford
 - No report
- Status of Baptiste Tombs in Greenwood Cemetery – Tommy Wixon
 - Repair of the three tombs was completed yesterday
 - Now waiting on the memorial stone to complete the project
- Madame Pontabla & Gaston Pontabla's forthcoming exhibit – Tommy Wixon
 - Everything is ready except the Library; may have to present as a program instead
- Downtown Housing – Michele Coats
 - All of the projects are going well
 - City Center expects to be completed in December
 - All of the apartments in in the Oddfellows Building have been rented.
 - One of the two retail spaces in the Monica's Building has been committed; work is beginning on the building

- MDAH unanimously approved the Scranton Historic District application on 15 July
 - The application has been 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 house is complete and open to visitors!
 - Interpretative signage is all that remains, and is underway
 - New updated rack cards have been ordered
 - The Cattails & Cocktails drawdown was a sell out and a huge success
 - All proceeds go to the LP-K
- WWII Heritage City – Martin Hegwood
 - The application will be sent to the Department of the Interior the end of the week
- Pascagoula Depot – Kevin Hall
 - The City has turned the Depot over to the PRA, who is working with a Developer
- 15th Annual Krebs Cemetery Tour – Dan Lee
 - Plans are moving right along for the 28 October event
 - USO Tent
 - There is an issue with the Army Band being able to perform, due to the new budget year – decision will be made by 15 September.
 - There is an alternate solution if the Army Band is not available
 - Some of the DAR members will serve as USO Officers
 - Still working on the Andrew Sisters act
 - Rogena Mitchell has confirmed she will sing
 - Entrance Gate
 - Warren Gautier will portray his grandfather Hermes F Gautier, who was Chairman of the Draft Board, and will give an overview of Pascagoula and WW2
 - 1st Station – Skip & Betty St Amant will portray Harold and Mary E Maffey, brother & sister, who both served in the Marines, and will discuss life in Pascagoula at the beginning of the War
 - 2nd Station – Sea Service – Scotty Logan will portray James Thomas Kell, and William English Nolan will be portrayed by
 - 3rd Station – Army & Air Force –Richard Lucas will portray MSgt Farrell and T McCovey will assume the role of Lt Col Bonam

New Business

- New Members
 - Chris Wiggins and Richard Lucas have been nominated to serve as replacements for Marcia Baumhauer and Walter Mansfield, whose resignations were accepted with regret, as both will be missed.
 - The nominations will be presented to the City Council at the 07 September meeting
- Trolley Tour during Cruisin'
 - It was decided to conduct the Historic trolley Tour one afternoon during Cruisin'

- Liz will check with the City regarding the availability of the trolley and Chris will work on the logistics
- Members of the Historical Society will be asked to participate

Other Business/Announcements/Discussions

- Dan Lee announced the September meeting of the Historical Society would be on the 28th at Maritime Museum.
 - The program will be the 20th Anniversary of 911 and the War on Terrorism.
- Chris Wiggins is in communication with Dr Marie Danforth, USM Anthropology Department.
 - They are working with the Pathology Department at SRH regarding tissue the cadaver dogs need for training.
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There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 1:20 pm, on a motion by TOMMY Wixon, seconded by Michele Lee

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 4th 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/or matching funds for possible CLG grants