

Pascagoula Historic Preservation Commission
Wednesday 28 September 2022 – Main Street Conference Room
Minutes

The September meeting of the Pascagoula Historic Preservation Commission was called to order by Chairman Liz Ford at 12:00 Noon, after it was determined a quorum was present.

Present: Richard Lucas, Michele Gautier Lee, Barry McIlwain, Michele Coats, Tommy Wixon, Chris Wiggins, and Liz Ford

Excused: Kevin Hall & Martin Hegwood

Ex Officio: None

Other: Dan Lee

The minutes of the 24 August meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Richard Lucas, seconded by Barry McIlwain

OLD BUSINESS:

Proposed Buena Vista Historical District – Michele Coats/Liz ford

- On hold

Anola Club house Building – Michele Coats

- Completed and will be in the mail to MDAH today

Status of Baptiste Tombs - Greenwood Cemetery – Tommy Wixon

- Everything is ready for the dedication and blessing of the memorial stone following the All Souls Day Mass at Greenwood Cemetery

Downtown Housing – Michele Coats

- Everything is going great
- Updates:
 - o Shannon expects tenants to be in City Centre by the end of the year
 - o White Pelican aka Monica's will open on 01 October
 - o Townhouses on the river are 80% complete
 - o The parking garage reuse study is ongoing

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

- The LP-K did not receive the Southeastern Architectural Award for Historic Preservation, but has been invited to apply again next year

- Glynda Smith is the new appointee, by the Historical Society, to the LP-K Foundation

WWII Heritage City – Martin Hegwood

- No news

JCH&G Society – Dan Lee

- Dan distributed the comparative budget and estimates the total expenses will be \$1400.00
- All scripts have been completed and distributed appropriately
- There will be approximately nine actors participating plus two students who will be guides, as well as Barry
- Both the house and the museum will be open, and no admission will be charged
- Michele Lee & Michele Coats will be in the house, and Dwayne Coats will be in the Museum
- The Men's quartet, under the direction of Doug Walls, will be singing sea shanties on the porch
- The Maritime Museum's cat boat, Seas the Day, will be on display on the grounds
- Dan Lee will be roving on the grounds, sextant in hand
- Chris Wiggins & Liz Ford will be at the welcome table
- Richard Lucas verified he has contacted Jaylen Morris and the Chamber, who will attend all of the tours

Marking of Bayous

- On hold – Tommy gave the maps to Martin

Signage – Historical & Directional

- Discussed briefly
- Needs to be consistent
- Will continue trying to find solutions & will remain an agenda item
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- NEW BUSINESS
- Status DeJean House
- No update – lawn is being mowed
- Trolley Tour at Cruisin – Chris Wiggins
- Due to several issues such as availability of trolley, it was decided not to try to attempt the historic tours this year

- Annual CLG Grants
- - Information regarding the annual CLG grants was distributed and everyone was encouraged to try to come up with suggestions to present at the October meeting

OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Dan Lee announced the 2023 Annual Meeting of the Mississippi Heritage Trust will be held in Pascagoula in June.
- Liz suggested the Preservation Commission take the lead in sponsoring the event (not monetarily but leg work etc)
- Get the LP-K involved as a venue
- Suggest the Grand Magnolia as headquarters
- - Barry suggested involving owners of historic homes in the event
- Walter Anderson Museum will present a program on Oldfields in connection with the opening of a new exhibit of the 'Oldfield' pictures on the 30th of September
- The Gabriel Cemetery Tour will be on Tuesday October 25th from 4 to 5:30 and 6 to 7:30 PM
- The Moss Point Cemetery Tour will be on the preceding Saturday from 9 to 11:30
- The Madame Pontalba pictures will be exhibited Thursday 06 October at 10 AM at the Maritime Museum
- Martin Hegwood has won a prestigious Faulkner literary award for an unpublished novel on Memphis. He is the first Mississippian to ever win the contest!

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 1:05 PM. The next scheduled meeting will be 26 October at 12 noon in the Main Street Pascagoula Conference Room

Michele Lee and Liz Ford, Note Takers