

Historical Commission Meeting Minutes

City Hall Council Chambers
407 E. Laurel Ave.
Foley, Alabama

March 13, 2018

1:00 p.m.

I. Call to order

Chairman Shanks called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

II. Roll call

Members present were: Jack Purser, Kathie LeDrew, JaNay Dawson, Justin Shanks, Pat Davis, and Randy Arp. Absent members were: Perry Wilbourne. Staff present were: Miriam Boutwell, City Planner: and Amanda Cole, Recording Secretary.

III. Approval of Minutes

- Approve February 13, 2018 minutes as published

Commissioner Purser made a motion to approve the February 13, 2018 minutes as published. Commissioner Dawson seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye.

Motion to approve the February 13, 2018 meeting minutes as published passes.

IV. New Business

Discussion of Bicentennial Grants

Jeanette Bornholt from the Foley Public Library came to discuss the Baldwin County Historic Commission Marker Program. Mrs. Bornholt stated right now there are about 84 areas in Baldwin County that are going to receive these markers. They are about 150 lbs of bronze and are 2 sided. Mrs. Bornholt stated that the markers are \$3,000 a piece and can withstand years of wear and tear.

Mrs. Bornholt stated The Hamburg Building, The Holmes Medical Museum, The Magnolia Hotel and the Train Depot are just a few of the places that would be great to have a marker.

Mrs. Bornholt stated that the next deadline for the historic marker program is 2019 and it can take up to 10 months to get approved.

Commissioner Arp asked where some of the markers are going in Baldwin County.

Mrs. Bornholt stated that she believes 3 are going in Summerdale and Gulf Shores will have some also.

Commissioner Dawson stated that she was glad they are doing this and hopefully we will be able to take advantage of this program.

Chairman Shanks asked Mrs. Bornholt if she would be the point of contact for the program.

Mrs. Bornholt stated that would be fine.

Mrs. Sanford from Foley High School brought some students from the FFA to show a presentation on a grant for the Hamburg building they are doing related to Alabama's Bicentennial.

Mrs. Sanford discussed the project saying that she and the students are excited to work with the city in making this a great museum.

Mrs. Sanford stated they are wanting to find articles and pictures of the Hamburg building to display on the inside. They are also wanting to have pamphlets on the Hamburg family to give out as well.

Mrs. Sanford stated that their budget was \$2,000 and showed the Commission how it was going to be broken down.

Mrs. Sanford also had ideas on different displays that could be done involving original wood from the building.

Mrs. Sanford stated they would like to have a section dedicated to the FFA to show the impact it has on the community.

Commissioner Arp asked where the wood for the displays that were talked about would come from.

Commissioner Dawson stated that it would be wood that will be taken from the floors, walls, and ceiling and it would be refurbished.

Commissioner Dawson stated that that the city has 5 years to do something with the building.

Mrs. Stanford, the students from Foley High School FFA, and the Commission discussed various ways to raise money for this cause. Grants and donations from the community were mentioned.

Discussion of state and federal grants took place.

Commissioner Dawson stated that to do state and federal grants we would need some entity to go through.

Chairman Shanks asked if we could go through the city.

Commissioner Purser stated that we need to legal advice as far as forming an entity or if we even need one.

It is mentioned that Mary Shell said that we need a consultant or someone who is registered to handle grants.

Miriam Boutwell stated that Stephen McNair might be able to help us and we are hoping that the Hamburg building is back on the national register after the new survey.

Chairman Shanks asked about the status of the new survey.

Miriam Boutwell stated that Stephan McNair has gotten information from staff and is working on it.

Commissioner Dawson asked about the status of the Place in Peril application.

Miriam Boutwell stated that she has not heard anything.

V. Adjournment

Vice-Chairman LeDrew made a motion to adjourn at 2:00 p.m. Commissioner Dawson seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye.