

# ***Historical Commission Meeting Minutes***

City Hall Conference Room

407 E. Laurel Ave.

Foley, Alabama

**March 12, 2019**

**1:00 p.m.**

## **I. Call to order**

Chairman Shanks called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

## **II. Roll call**

Members present were: JaNay Dawson, Justin Shanks, Kathie LeDrew, Randy Arp, Kerry Slota, Donna Turbyfill and Jack Purser. Staff present were: Chuck Lay, Chief Building Inspector; Miriam Boutwell, City Planner and Amanda Cole Recording Secretary.

## **III. Approval of Minutes**

- Approve December 11, 2018 minutes as published

Commissioner Arp made a motion to approve the December 11, 2018 minutes. Commissioner Dawson seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye.

**Motion to approve the December 11, 2018 minutes passes.**

## **IV. New Business**

- Discussion

Commissioner Dawson stated after attending the CAMP Training the City provided she realized the Commission was only doing about 5% of their duties. Commissioner Dawson noted she would like to see the Historical Commission do more in the city.

Commissioners Dawson and Arp noted they drove through what used to be Pine Village which gave them the idea of doing a weekly or monthly article to highlight historic areas in the City.

Miriam Boutwell stated Mary Shell has been talking about redoing the Historic district when we are ready which may include some residential areas like Pine Village.

Commissioner Dawson stated they want people in the community to have information about different areas in the City.

Ms. Boutwell stated the City Newsletter maybe an option to provide Historical information to the public.

Commissioner Dawson stated Chuck Lay has come up with an idea of putting informational signs in front buildings/landmarks that could be sponsored.

Ms. Boutwell stated the City has just applied for the next CLG grant and we may be able to do something along those lines in downtown with the grant.

Chairman Shanks stated promotion and education needs to be an important issue for the Commission from now on.

Commissioner Turbyfill commented if we can find someone who owns a historic building like in Pine Village or even has stories of one maybe they could come and speak at a meeting.

Commissioner Dawson stated she knows a couple who used to own one of the homes maybe they would do an interview.

Ms. Boutwell stated that maybe the Commission could set up a tent for the Movie in the Park the City has to hand out information.

Commissioner Turbyfill asked what the goal is going to be? Showing the value of the town? Doing educational and media promotions?

Chairman Shanks stated he liked the idea of highlighting certain properties.

Ms. Boutwell stated we need to look at the Mission Statement of the Commission to see if we need to redo it to possibly add educational and promotion of the district.

Chairman Shanks asked if the Commission wanted to brainstorm on ideas to discuss next month.

Commissioner Turbyfill made a motion to have an outstanding agenda item to discuss ways the Commission could have a more productive role in the community. Commissioner Dawson seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye.

**Motion to have an outstanding agenda item to discuss ways the Commission can have a more productive role in the community passes.**

Ms. Boutwell stated maybe we can speak with LaDonna at the Welcome Center and Sherry with Main Street about helping us promote.

Chairman Shanks noted this will be a great thing for future commissions as well.

Chairman Shanks asked if we had decided on ways to do private fundraising.

Ms. Boutwell stated a non-profit would have to set up and there would be by-laws and the members would have to file the necessary paperwork with the IRS.

Discussion of members on forming a 501c3 and what it would entail and possibly having the Main Street's board help.

Chairman Shanks stated he can talk to the Main Street Board and get their thoughts.

Commissioner Dawson stated she would like to figure out some kind of venue for the Hamburg building that will keep the historical aspect and will keep it functional.

Mr. Lay stated it will cost a lot of money to get the Hamburg Building functional.

Commissioner Purser stated unless we intend to use all public funds we need to discuss private funding.

Commissioner Dawson stated if we had an organization like "Friends of the Historical Commission" we could do events to raise money.

Commissioner Shanks noted we would need a network of residents and businesses for that to happen.

Commissioner Dawson asked what we needed to do for next month.

Ms. Boutwell stated staff will check our Mission Statement and she will check with Mike regarding the status of a non-profit for the Hamburg building.

## **V. Adjournment**

Commissioner Arp made a motion to adjourn at 2:00 p.m. Commissioner Turbyfill seconded the motion. All Commissioners votes aye.

**Motion to adjourn at 2:00 p.m. passes.**