

CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE
Historic Preservation Commission

Minutes of Meeting of October 15, 2008

Commissioners Present: Staci Blatt, Bette Carter, Ralph Freeman (Chair), John Ogletree, Larry Phillips, Jo Tyler

Commissioners Absent: George Henry, Barbara McCoy, Brook Tate

Staff Present: Sue Anderson, Planning Director; Lu Ann Welter, Administrative Assistant

I Call to Order. The Chair called the monthly meeting of the Hendersonville Historic Preservation Commission to order at 5:04 p.m.

II Agenda. *On motion of Commissioner Tyler, seconded by Commissioner Blatt, the Commission approved the agenda.*

III Minutes. *On motion of Commissioner Blatt, seconded by Commissioner Tyler, the minutes of September 17, 2008 were approved.*

IV Grey Hosiery Mill – Ms. Anderson said the City Council will hold a special meeting on October 21 at 4:00 to discuss the Mill and other city properties. At Council’s meeting earlier in the month, they suggested the Hendersonville Little Theater (HTL) group come before the Commission to discuss their interest in the Mill. Cheryl Anders, Artistic Director for HLT, explained the theater was formed in 1966 and has been offering live, stage theater since. They have been wishing for a new place to expand and are ready to move forward with moving to a new place, whether it is a new building or an old one to rehab.

Jim Beardsley distributed plans showing possible conversion of the Mill to useable theater space. He explained this plan would keep the 1915 and 1917 parts of the building but remove the 1947 addition.

The Chair said City Council still has some decisions to make before the Commission can offer any input but clarified they had gone on record in support of keeping the building. He said he would like to see the entire building remain. Commissioner Blatt said removing part may be a small price to pay for preserving the building. The Chair thanked everyone for coming.

V Committee Reports –

- Designation Committee – Ms. Anderson reported City Council recommended the formation of the Cold Springs Park to the state for final designation. We should hear back from the state soon.
- Community Affairs – Ms. Welter reported a newsletter would be coming out in November and the Holiday Tour of Historic Inns and Cooker Caper would be on December 14 from 1:00 – 5:00. She asked if anyone could help that afternoon to let her know.

- District Improvements – Ms. Welter distributed information on the Committee’s recommendations for the Main Street Plaques project. The Chair he would like to see the Commission listed on the plaque. Ms. Welter said she would check on that. ***The Commission agreed by consensus to move forward with the Main Street Plaque program.***

Ms. Welter distributed information on the Committee’s recommendations for the neighborhood markers in the historic districts. ***After discussion Commissioner Carter moved the Commission have the two West Side markers installed as proposed. Commissioner Blatt seconded the motion which passed unanimously.***

The Chair moved the Commission purchase one sign each for Lenox Park, 7th Avenue and Cold Springs Park Districts. Commissioner Tyler seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Ms. Welter said she would also order the decorative poles as well.

Ad Hoc Vinyl Policy – No report.

- VI Commissioners Comments.** Commissioner Carter said she felt the HLT presentation was rushed a bit by the Commission. The Chair said that was not his intention but felt the Commission was not in a place to discuss at length any proposal until City Council gives direction.
- VII Staff Comments.** Ms. Anderson reported that Commissioners Blatt, Tyler and Henry had all been reappointed by City Council.
- VIII Financial Report.** ***The Commission approved the financial report by consensus.***
- IX Adjournment.** ***The meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.***