

Historic Preservation Commission

Regular Public Hearing

Tuesday, September 8, 2009

The City of Villa Rica Historic Preservation Commission met in a regular public hearing on Tuesday, September 8, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were Chairman Wallace Hibbard; Vice-Chairman Teresa Lotti; Commissioner William Mitchell; Commissioner Valerie Wilhelm; Commissioner Patricia Proctor; Community Development Director Taurus Freeman; and Zoning Technician Rita Peele. There were four (4) members of the public in attendance.

Chairman Hibbard called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and requested a modification of the agenda in **“Old Business”** to include a discussion by Dr. Ann McCleary, the draft of residential guidelines and exhibits, which were discussed at last month’s meeting.

Old Business: Commissioner Proctor motioned to approve the August 11, 2009 minutes, and all were in favor. The motion carried 4/0. Chairman Hibbard asked if the logo was still tabled and Commissioner Lotti responded yes.

Chairman Hibbard gave the floor to Dr. Ann McCleary. McCleary stated there were almost six hundred (600) buildings and residences surveyed during the summer of 2009. Graduate student, Shanda Davidson presented a map of the redrawn boundaries of the survey which shows the south Villa Rica residential, south commercial, west Villa Rica residential and north Villa Rica residential districts.

The north Villa Rica residential district is the largest district and contains early and later 19th and 20th century architecture. Davidson said she and fellow student Holly Lane, will be doing a national registration nomination for the Fullerville area. Dr. McCleary will update the Commission on a monthly basis on the ongoing survey and will give a status in October, 2009.

There was some discussion between the Commissioners about signage for historical structures.

Commissioner Hibbard presented a draft copy of the residential guidelines for the commission to review and suggested that approximately 30 minutes of each meeting be devoted to work sessions of the guidelines.

New Business: Commissioner Lotti suggests a process for awarding certificates of recognition to local individuals and businesses for their contribution towards celebrating the history of Villa Rica. Commissioner Proctor motioned for approval to present the request to City Council and Commissioner Lotti seconded.

Other Business:

The Commissioners welcomed Mr. Dale Schwarzkoph as a new member and he will be sworn in at the next City Council meeting.

Freeman reminded the commission that currently Villa Rica is a Qualified Local Government and when the design guidelines and districts are complete, he will apply for Villa Rica to become a Certified Local Government. With that designation, Villa Rica will be able to apply for more grants.

Public Comments:

There being no other comments, Commissioner Proctor motioned to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. and Commissioner Lotti seconded. The motion carried 4/0.

Historic Preservation Chairperson and Date

Community Development Director