



## Villa Rica Historic Preservation Commission

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Scheduled Public Hearing  
Tuesday, December 14, 2010

The City of Villa Rica Historic Preservation Commission met in a regular scheduled public hearing on Tuesday, December 14, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. In attendance were Chairman Wallace Hibbard, Commissioner William Mitchell, Commissioner Terri Lotti, Commissioner Valerie Wilhelm, Commissioner Patricia Proctor, Commissioner Dale Schwarzkoph, Community Development Director Taurus Freeman and Assistant Zoning Administrator Rita Peele. There were no members of the public in attendance.

Chairman Hibbard called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Commissioner Proctor motioned to approve the agenda, Commissioner Schwarzkoph seconded and the motion carried 5/0.

**Old Business:** Commissioner Wilhelm motioned to approve the November 9, 2010 minutes, Commissioner Schwarzkoph seconded, and the motion carried 5/0.

Shanda Davidson, with the University of West Georgia, presented the draft of the Downtown Design Guidelines and asked for comments or suggestions.

Commissioner Hibbard asked for more photographs of examples of correct historic preservation practices. Commissioner Schwarzkoph suggested a short presentation of the Downtown Design Guidelines, tax credits and a mission statement, to the Downtown Development Authority (DDA), for their review. Davidson and Commissioner Schwarzkoph discussed tax credits and how that can benefit business owners. Commissioner Mitchell recommends reading and refining the draft, before a presentation is given. Commissioner Lotti suggests having an attorney or architect to review the document once it is complete and wants to make sure the language of the document is reader friendly with soft; but firm wording and a lot of visual aide. Commissioner Lotti also suggests training on Historic Preservation for the Commission and would prefer someone with knowledge of Historic Preservation, to review the document before it's presented to DDA. Commissioners Wilhelm and Proctor recommend dividing the document into parts and then use the same language throughout. Commissioner Hibbard recommended that everyone review the document through Section 4-C and come prepared to discuss that section, at the next meeting.

**New Business:** Next on the agenda, was a discussion and update from the sub-committee about the Freedom Riders 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Commissioner Wilhelm hasn't heard whether Senator John Lewis will be at the presentation of the historic plaque, but will keep the Commission updated. The revised wording for the plaque was presented, Commissioner Schwarzkoph motioned to approve the revision, Commissioner Lotti seconded and the motion carried 5/0.

Next, was a discussion of the Historic Plaque Program Application. Chairman Hibbard requested that the Historic Plaque Program application and the Historic Recognition application be placed under "Old Business", on any future agenda's.

Commissioner Hibbard presented the final draft of the Historic Recognition application. There was some discussion about changing the title of it, but everyone agreed to keep it as is.

**Other Business:** Commissioner Hibbard led a discussion about grant funding for the Cinema Tavern to have a mural painted on the building. The Historic Preservation Commission is opposed to a mural and Commissioner Hibbard motioned to direct Staff to draft a letter of opposition against the mural. After the draft letter is received by Commissioner Hibbard, he will revise it and then the Commissioners will review it. Commissioner Lotti motioned to have Freeman draft a letter, Commissioner Wilhelm seconded and the motion carried 5/0.

Commissioner Hibbard asked Peele to take a poll after the holidays, regarding how many Commissioners will be able to attend the January 11, 2011 meeting.

Commissioner Schwarzkoph spoke about a program available that will provide funding for renovations for approximately 4 (four) homes in Villa Rica. Commissioner Schwarzkoph will review some of the photographs available in the historic assessment for some possible sites.

There being no other business or public comments, Commissioner Lotti motioned to adjourn at 8:15 p.m., Commissioner Schwarzkoph seconded and the motion carried 5/0.

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Historic Preservation Chairperson and Date

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Community Development Director