



Villa Rica Historic Preservation Commission

Scheduled Public Hearing
Tuesday, February 8, 2011

The City of Villa Rica Historic Preservation Commission met in a regular scheduled public hearing on Tuesday, February 8, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. In attendance were Commissioner Terri Lotti, Commissioner Valerie Wilhelm, Commissioner Patricia Proctor, Commissioner Dale Schwarzkoph, Community Development Director Taurus Freeman and Administrative Assistant Brandi Turner. There were no members of the public in attendance. Chairman Wally Hibbard and Commissioner William Mitchell were both absent with notification.

Chairman Lotti called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Commissioner Proctor motioned to move the Item F. Discussion of Downtown Mural to first on the agenda, Commissioner Wilhelm seconded the motion, and was approved 4/0.

Commissioner Proctor motioned to approve the agenda, Commissioner Schwarzkoph seconded and the motion carried 4/0.

Old Business: Commissioner Wilhelm motioned to approve the December 14, 2010 minutes, Commissioner Schwarzkoph seconded, and the motion carried 4/0.

First, Pat Large, Sheryl Taylor and Lenia Pilkonis, with Design Committee for the Downtown Development Authority (DDA), presented a draft of the downtown mural project and asked for questions or suggestions.

Large explained that the DDA had approved the rendering and proposal from artist Alan Kuykendall to paint a mural on the southern wall of the Cinema Tavern, located 200 W. Montgomery Street. The large graphic mural will depict a view of the interior of the theater during its time of operation. A large movie screen at the end of the wall will show a montage of movie and Hollywood images, some coming out into the theater.

The audience will be shown as local members of the town of Villa Rica during the historical time spans that were of prominence and importance in its development and culture. Components of the buildings architectural features and other images will be included as decided upon. These may include Susan Heyward, the Bonner Goldminer, Gone with the Wind and those relevant to the past of the city of Villa Rica, etc.

The rear portion of the façade will depict a theater marquee at night during a film debut with spotlights in the sky.

The cost for the project is \$5,000; and will be paid by the DDA, through the façade grant program, and the restaurant owner, Paul Marmol.

Commissioners Schwarzkoph and Lotti asked technical questions regarding type of paints to be used, and requested research to be conducted to analyze the effects the mural would have on the existing black paint and brick. The DDA members did not state whether a decision was made regarding if the mural would be delayed until further research and options with the owner could be conducted.

Commissioner Schwarzkoph asked if Marmol would be willing to restore the façade to a more historical appearance. Pilkonis responded Marmol has no intentions of changing the façade or performing any additional exterior renovations to the building.

Commissioners Wilhelm and Proctor verbally described the interior of the theater during their youth, and how the rendering doesn't depict a correct representation of the establishment. They also expressed the time periods of the mural seem to span longer than the theater's existence.

Next on the agenda was a discussion and update from the sub-committee about the Freedom Riders 50th Anniversary. Commissioners Wilhelm and Proctor said they haven't received a response from Congressman John Lewis' office, regarding his participation at the historic plaque presentation, but will keep the Commission updated.

Freeman said the Commission should have an alternate speaker, if Congressman Lewis is unavailable; and preparations for the ceremony should commence immediately, due to the short time frame of the event.

Next, Commissioner Lotti motioned to postpone the Historic Plaque Program and Recognition application discussion until the next meeting. Chairman Wilhelm seconded the motion, which carried 4/0.

Other Business:

There being no other business or public comments, Commissioner Lotti motioned to adjourn at 8:11 p.m., Commissioner Schwarzkoph seconded and the motion carried 4/0.

Historic Preservation Chairperson and Date

Community Development Director