

Historic Preservation Commission

Regular Public Hearing

Tuesday, February 10, 2009

The City of Villa Rica Historic Preservation Commission met in a regular public hearing on Tuesday, February 10, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were Chairman Wallace Hibbard; Vice-Chairman Teresa Lotti; Commissioner William Mitchell; Commissioner Patricia Proctor; Commissioner Valerie Wilhelm; Interim Community Development Director Taurus Freeman; and Zoning Technician Rita Peele. There were no members of the public in attendance.

Chairman Hibbard called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and motioned to add another topic to the agenda for discussion under "Old Business". Commissioner Proctor seconded and the motion carried 4/0. Commissioner Proctor motioned to approve the agenda with Commissioner Wilhelm seconding, with the motion carrying 4/0. Commissioner Wilhelm motioned to approve the minutes from the October 14, 2008 meeting. Commissioner Proctor seconded with all in favor, and the motion carried 4/0.

During "Old Business", Commissioner Proctor motioned to eliminate the previously adopted Vision Statement. Commissioner Lottie seconded and the motion carried 4/0. Commissioner Wilhelm motioned to approve the Vision Statement from Draft #1, with Commissioner Lottie seconding with all in favor, the motion carried 4/0.

Commissioner Lottie motioned to approve Mission Statement #2 as submitted. Commissioner Proctor seconded and the motion carried 4/0. The approved Vision and Mission statement are now as follows:

Vision Statement

Villa Rica retains its identity as a small southern town with an appreciation for its rich heritage. While cultivating and encouraging growth and prosperity, Villa Rica preserves the charm and civility that are hallmarks of the south.

Mission Statement

The Villa Rica Historic Preservation Commission protects Villa Rica's heritage by researching local history, identifying significant historic sites, promoting education, and developing measures to preserve these sites. Success in this mission will be achieved when Villa Rica grows while preserving the spirit and symbols of its past.

The Commissioners agreed to table approval of a logo until next months meeting.

Chair Commissioner Hibbard asked for a status on having an intern from University of West Georgia College to do an inventory of historic sites and then asked for clarification of the project description. Freeman explained what measures have been taken, but has not completed the process.

In "New Business", the Commissioners discussed methods for defining historic districts, doing a historic survey and who will do the survey. It was agreed that a proposal of action will be discussed at the next meeting. Commissioner Lotti will send some information via email to the members and will arrange a training meeting to educate everyone on historic inventories.

Chairman Hibbard asked Freeman to provide a Historic Preservation ordinance from the cities of Acworth & Cartersville, to present at the next meeting.

In “Other Business”, Freeman asked for recommendations for a replacement for Commissioner Dana McCauley’s position. Freeman updated the commission on previously discussed items. Staff is still in the process of researching other possible locations for meetings, a future visit with the Douglasville Historic Preservation Commission and some additional training for the Commission.

Commissioner Proctor motioned to adjourn at 8:15 p.m., with Commissioner Lotti seconding. Motion carried 4/0.

Historic Preservation Chairperson and Date

Planning and Zoning Manager