

Historic Preservation Commission

Scheduled Public Hearing

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

The City of Villa Rica Historic Preservation Commission met in a regular scheduled public hearing on Tuesday, June 8, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. In attendance were Chairman Wallace Hibbard, Commissioner William Mitchell, Commissioner Terri Lotti, Commissioner Valerie Wilhelm, Commissioner Patricia Proctor, Commissioner Dale Schwarzkoph, City Manager Larry Wood, 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 5:30 p.m. Commissioner Proctor motioned to approve the agenda and Commissioner Wilhelm seconded. The motion carried 5/0.

**Old Business:** Commissioner Hibbard motioned to approve the May 11, 2010 minutes with a correction that an appreciation plaque will be presented to Dr. Ann McCleary and Shanda Davidson at the next City Council meeting. Commissioner Schwarzkoph seconded and the motion carried 5/0.

**New Business:** Freeman announced that he had spoken to Katie Shayda, the Georgia editor for Arcadia Publishing in Charleston, South Carolina. Shayda wants to do a photographic book of Villa Rica. Freeman said this would be an excellent opportunity for the Historic Preservation Commission to promote preservation and educate the community. He has already contacted Ted Williamson, a local photographer in Villa Rica, about scanning photos from his collection. Freeman also suggested doing an ad campaign to involve citizens and their photos. Commissioner Proctor suggested speaking to Paul Free's family about using his photos. After Freeman gets more information about the proposal, he will email the Commission with details.

Freeman spoke with Dr. McCleary about the commercial design guidelines and Phase II of the Historic Assessment and Dr. McCleary has accepted the terms of payment. The primary focus will be on doing the commercial design guidelines; and then, the historic assessment of the remainder of Villa Rica. Dr. McCleary and Shanda Davidson will present Phase I of the assessment and a completed version will be presented at the next Historic Preservation Commission meeting.

Commissioner Hibbard asked Commissioners Wilhelm and Proctor to bring ideas to the next meeting about how the Historic Preservation Commission can correlate historic significance with the 50<sup>th</sup> year celebration of The Freedom Riders.

Freeman said the application process for the Historic Plaque Program and the Recognition Program have been completed and will be emailed to the Commission for a discussion at next month's meeting.

Freeman stated that he will apply for grants through the Department of Community Affairs to assist with funding for the design guidelines.

Davidson presented Phase I of the Historic Inventory Assessment. Davidson said the historic assessment should be completed and ready for presentation on June 30<sup>th</sup> or July 1<sup>st</sup> and then Commissioner Hibbard will advise City Council at their next meeting on July 6, 2010, that the historic assessment has been received.

There being no other business or public comments, Commissioner Wilhelm motioned to adjourn at 7:05 p.m. Commissioner Lotti seconded and the motion carried 5/0.

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Historic Preservation Chairperson and Date

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Community Development Director