



Villa Rica Historic Preservation Commission

Scheduled Public Hearing
Tuesday, June 14, 2011

The City of Villa Rica Historic Preservation Commission met in a regular scheduled public hearing on Tuesday, June 14, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were Chairman Wally Hibbard, Commissioner Terri Lotti, Commissioner Valerie Wilhelm, Commissioner Patricia Proctor, Commissioner William Mitchell, Community Development Director Taurus Freeman and Assistant Zoning Administrator Rita Peele. Commissioner Schwarzkoph was absent with notification. There was one member of the public in attendance.

Commissioner Proctor motioned to approve the agenda, Commissioner Wilhelm seconded and the motion carried 3/0.

Old Business:

A. Commissioner Proctor motioned to approve the May 10, 2011 minutes, Commissioner Wilhelm seconded, and the motion carried 3/0.

B. Freeman presented a draft copy of the Downtown Design Guidelines for the Commission's approval and stated Commissioner Schwarzkoph has prepared a power point presentation to be shown to the Commission. After the commission reviews the Downtown Design Guidelines, the presentation process may be ready to begin. Freeman introduced Lynn Miller with Three Rivers, Regional Development Commission, Planning Supervisor, as a guest speaker to assist with the Historic Preservation process. Freeman explained the implementation process to the commission and passed out a map of the downtown historic districts. Freeman said a map will be prepared to illustrate contributing and non-contributing properties.

Miller said the Downtown Design Guidelines will still apply to properties in the Historic District, even if the structure is non-contributing. She suggests public education and information about what the guidelines will entail.

Freeman said the defined districts are different from the previous assessment originally created by a local historian. Miller suggested presenting examples of other cities and counties and the benefits of having design guidelines. She said the concerns are about compatibility of the exterior of the buildings, not on the interior.

Next, was a discussion about regulating paint colors for the exterior of structures. Commissioner Hibbard suggested having a sub-committee comprised of himself, Commissioners Schwarzkoph and Lotti. The sub-committee will research and investigate ideas for appropriate ideas to regulate paint colors.

C. Historic Contribution Award Nominations was next on the agenda. Commissioner Proctor discussed properties that would be appropriate for historic markers.

Commissioner Lotti suggested that the sub-committee also research ideas on regulations for murals in the Historic Downtown District.

New Business:

Freeman said he will create a larger map of the Historic Downtown Districts and will have it on display in his office, for public viewing.

Other Business:

Commissioner Lotti complemented Commissioners Proctor and Wilhelm on their diligence and hard work organizing the Freedom Riders 50th Anniversary ceremony. The commission would like for the pictures of the ceremony to be placed on the web-site.

There being no other New Business, Other Business or Public Comments, Commissioner Proctor motioned for adjournment, Commissioner Wilhelm seconded and the motion carried 4/0. The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Historic Preservation Chairperson and Date

Community Development Director