



Villa Rica Historic Preservation Commission

Scheduled Public Hearing
Tuesday, July 13, 2010

The City of Villa Rica Historic Preservation Commission met in a regular scheduled public hearing on Tuesday, July 13, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were Chairman Wallace Hibbard, Commissioner William Mitchell, Commissioner Valerie Wilhelm, Commissioner Patricia Proctor, Commissioner Dale Schwarzkoph, Community Development Director Taurus Freeman and Zoning Technician Rita Peele. Commissioner Terri Lotti was absent with notification. There was one member of the public in attendance.

Chairman Hibbard called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Commissioner Proctor motioned to approve the agenda and Commissioner Schwarzkoph seconded. The motion carried 4/0.

Old Business: Commissioner Proctor motioned to approve the June 8, 2010 minutes, Commissioner Wilhelm seconded and the motion carried 4/0.

New Business: Freeman passed around the Historic Preservation Inventory Assessment survey booklets and presented the Commission with a digital copy of the assessment. Freeman said the Historic Preservation Commission could recommend approval of the proposed historic districts to the Planning & Zoning Commission and City Council for approval. Freeman will provide maps to the Commission of the existing districts with an overlay of the proposed districts. The approved recommendations will also amend the Comprehensive Plan. Freeman discussed the benefits of Villa Rica becoming a Certified Local Government if all the criteria can be met. Some of the benefits would include more availability of applying for state and federal grants and low interest loans.

Commissioner Schwarzkoph spoke to the Commission about the importance of communication between all the different committees, commissions and City Council. Commissioner Wilhelm is going to show the Inventory Assessment survey booklets at the next meeting of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and update them of the progress the Historic Preservation Commission is making and the next step is to start the design criteria for the downtown commercial district.

Other Business: Freeman introduced Janet Hyde as the summer intern for the Community Development Department.

Freeman passed out copies of the Historic Plaque Program application and the Historic Recognition Program application and there will be a discussion of them, at the next meeting.

Commissioners Proctor and Wilhelm spoke to the Commission about the Freedom Rider's 50th anniversary. They proposed that the re-enactment event stop in Villa Rica on May, 2011, and at that time, a Historic Recognition Plaque will be erected at the site of the old bus station building on South Carroll Road to commemorate this historic event. The Commission agreed to allow them to move forward with the proposal.

There being no other business or public comments, Commissioner Wilhelm motioned to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Commissioner Proctor seconded and the motion carried 4/0.

Historic Preservation Chairperson and Date

Community Development Director