



## **Villa Rica Historic Preservation Commission**

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Scheduled Public Hearing  
Tuesday, August 9, 2011

The City of Villa Rica Historic Preservation Commission met in a regular scheduled public hearing on Tuesday, August 9, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were Chairman Wally Hibbard, Commissioner Terri Lotti, Commissioner Valerie Wilhelm, Commissioner Patricia Proctor, Commissioner William Mitchell, Commissioner Schwarzkoph and Community Development Director Taurus Freeman. There was one member of the public in attendance.

Commissioner Proctor motioned to approve the agenda, Commissioner Wilhelm seconded and the motion carried 5/0.

### **Old Business:**

A. Commissioner Wilhelm motioned to approve the June 14, 2011 minutes, Commissioner Schwarzkoph seconded, and the motion carried 5/0.

B. Chairman Hibbard presented revisions to the Downtown Design Guidelines for the Commission's approval. Amendments were an Introduction, (K) Paint Color and Placement, (L) Metal (M) Guidelines for Signs and sign review process.

Chairman Hibbard stated he didn't feel comfortable with the guidelines due to not seeing the packet in its entirety, but knew an introduction was needed. He said modifications of the Paint Color and Placement as well as Signs have to receive a Certificate of Appropriateness. Questions were asked about the signs. Staff noted the City has a Sign Code which includes the Downtown District and all sign request have to be approved by the City. All signs within the North and South Commercial Districts would have to be reviewed by the Commission prior to receiving approval by Staff.

The Commission concurred that the Design Guidelines should include a schematic "Design Review Process" and application form using the eight (8) page City of Carrollton form as is, or as a model. Staff will finalize the document with the necessary corrections and send to the Commission for final approval along with a Review Process as an appendix.

C. Historic Contribution Award Nominations was next on the agenda. Commissioner Hibbard recommended changing the item to the Historic Recognition Program. Being no discussion, the Commission agreed to rename the item. The Commission moved to the next item.

Commissioner Hibbard asked about the status of the Fullerville Jail Project. Staff gave a brief update stating the project was still being handled by a local committee headed by Bill Bailey. Commissioners voiced their desire for the project to be handled in a manner that would not compromise the historic integrity of the structure.

### **New Business:**

Commissioner Proctor discussed appropriated locations for historic plaques. Suggestions were made to honor founding families of Villa Rica, such as Asa Candler and the Powell doctors.

### **Other Business:**

Commissioner Dale Schwarzkoph presented to the Commission a development plan for the Goldworth Farm with the assistance of Dr. Patricia DeWitt and Commissioner Mitchell. Commissioner Schwarzkoph discussed concepts of the business plan for a proposed research and development industrial park, to be located along State Route 61; and a proposed site layout,

which would include the conservation of the historic CCC Camp and the farm. The site is listed on the National Historic Registry.

Commissioner Schwarzkoph requested a support letter from the Historic Commission, which he would draft. All the Commissioners agreed, with the exception of Commissioner Lotti, whom felt as though it was a conflict of interest.

There being no other New Business, Other Business or Public Comments, Commissioner Proctor motioned for adjournment, Commissioner Wilhelm seconded and the motion carried 5/0. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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Historic Preservation Chairperson and Date

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Community Development Director