



Villa Rica Historic Preservation Commission

Scheduled Public Hearing
Tuesday, September 14, 2010

The City of Villa Rica Historic Preservation Commission met in a regular scheduled public hearing on Tuesday, September 14, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were Chairman Wallace Hibbard, Commissioner William Mitchell, Commissioner Terri Lotti, Commissioner Valerie Wilhelm, Commissioner Patricia Proctor, City Manager Larry Wood, Community Development Director Taurus Freeman and Assistant Zoning Administrator Rita Peele. Commissioner Dale Schwarzkoph was absent without notification. There were no members of the public in attendance.

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

Old Business: Commissioner Lotti motioned to approve the August 11, 2010 minutes, Commissioner Wilhelm seconded, and the motion carried 4/0.

Commissioner Hibbard asked for an update on the Downtown Design Guidelines. Freeman said Dr. Ann McCleary will update information on the Downtown Design Guidelines at the beginning of each month, so therefore it will be included in the monthly Historic Preservation Commission packets. This was followed by a discussion from the Commission in which everyone agreed on a simplistic format.

Commissioner Lotti began the discussion on updates about the Freedom Rider's 50th Anniversary. Commissioner Proctor read a copy of a letter she emailed to Congressman John Lewis, asking for his support in commemorating this historic event. Freeman will mail signed, hard copies of the letter to Congressman Lewis's Atlanta and Washington D.C. offices.

There was a discussion about the plaque to be placed at the old bus station site. Commissioner Wilhelm and Proctor displayed pictures of prospective designs and provided a quote of \$2,375.00 plus shipping. This will be an 18"x24" aluminum plaque, with a black background and gold lettering. There was additional discussion for wording and design of the plaque.

Commissioner Mitchell will write a newspaper article about the Commission's plans to commemorate the event and will also ask the public for photographs of the old bus station.

Commissioner Hibbard asked the Commission to bring fund-raising ideas for the plaque, to the next meeting.

New Business: Commissioner Lotti will email a draft of the Historic Plaque Program Application to the Commission by end of week. Commissioner Hibbard handed out a draft of the Historic Recognition Application, for review. After the Commission approves the draft, Staff will make copies, on the Historic Preservation Commission letterhead, and provide the final version at the next meeting.

Other Business: Freeman said the contract with Arcadia Publishing has been approved by City Council; the city attorney will make some additions and submit it by end of week.

There was some discussion about window signage in the downtown business area.

Freeman announced that the owner of the Cinema Tavern wants to attend one of the Historic Preservation Commission meetings, to discuss his plans for painting the outside facade of the tavern.

There being no other business or public comments, Commissioner Proctor motioned to adjourn at 8:02 p.m. Commissioner Lotti seconded and the motion carried 4/0.

Historic Preservation Chairperson and Date

Community Development Director