

Historic Preservation Commission

Regular Public Hearing

Tuesday, October 14, 2008

The City of Villa Rica Historic Preservation Commission met in a regular public hearing on Tuesday, October 14, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were Chairman Wallace Hibbard; Vice-Chairman Teresa Lotti; Commissioner William Mitchell; Commissioner Patricia Proctor; Commissioner Valerie Wilhelm; City Manager Larry Wood; Interim Community Development Director Taurus Freeman; and Zoning Technician Rita Peele. Commissioner Dana McCauley was absent with notification. There were no members of the public in attendance.

Chairman Hibbard called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Commissioner Lottie and seconded by Commissioner Wilhelm. The motion carried 4/0.

Chairman Hibbard motioned to approve the minutes from the September 7, 2008 meeting, with all in favor and the motion carried 4/0.

Chairman Hibbard asked for clarification as to whether Commissioner Mitchell could make a motion or vote because of his Emeritus status. Freeman said no, he could make a recommendation.

In New Business, the commissioners discussed the Vision Statement. The sought clarification and purpose of the statement and its connection with the Mission Statement. Staff advised commission that an amendment to the Mission Statement may be needed to support the purposed criteria of the Vision Statement. Commissioner Hibbard motioned to table until the next meeting and Commissioner Lottie seconded. Motion carried 4/0.

Next, the approval of the logo was discussed. Commissioner Lotti has someone working on drafts of a logo and motioned to table until next meeting. The motion carried 4/0.

Staff will try and schedule a tour of Villa Rica with the Historic Preservation Commission, next week, and will coordinate the date and time.

Under New Business, Commissioner Wilhelm suggested visiting a City of Douglasville Historic Preservation meeting. Freeman said there is a possibility of going there in January 2009.

A discussion ensued about what methods could be used to conduct an inventory of the city. Chairman Mitchell proposed using students from University of West Georgia. Commissioner Proctor said a student doing a thesis or dissertation, would be appropriate. Freeman said there is a letter of agreement with the university for projects of this nature, and he will contact the Department of Career Services to discuss the proposal. Commissioner Proctor motioned to actively pursue entering into an agreement with the University of West Georgia to initiate an inventory of Villa Rica. Commissioner Lotti seconded and the motion carried 4/0.

In the Other Business segment of the meeting, Commissioner Lotti spoke of the importance of public education especially after some of the historic designations are established.

Freeman suggested a change in venue and will research possible locations for future Historic Preservation Commission meetings. Several suggestions were made for locations that are in a less institutional environment.

Commissioner Wilhelm motioned to adjourn at 8:09 p.m. and Commissioner Lotti seconded.
Motion carried 4/0.

Historic Preservation Chairperson and Date

Planning and Zoning Manager