

Historic Preservation Commission

Regular Public Hearing

Tuesday, December 8, 2009

The City of Villa Rica Historic Preservation Commission met in a regular public hearing on Tuesday, December 8, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were Chairman Wallace Hibbard, Commissioner William Mitchell, Commissioner Terri Lotti, Commissioner Valerie Wilhelm, Commissioner Patricia Proctor, Commissioner Dale Schwarzkoph, Community Development Director Taurus Freeman and Zoning Technician Rita Peele. There were no members of the public in attendance.

Chairman Hibbard called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Commissioner Proctor motioned to approve the agenda, Commissioner Wilhelm seconded and the motion carried 5/0.

Old Business: Commissioner Schwarzkoph motioned to approve the November 10, 2009 minutes, with Commissioner Lotti seconding and the motion carried 5/0.

New Business: Commissioner Lotti presented the Commission with copies of their proposed logos, for their review. There was a discussion about using sepia tones versus black and white of one of the proposals. Commissioners Wilhelm and Proctor said there is a one time, thirty-five (35) dollar cost for a set up fee, in addition to a twenty-one dollar (21) cost for the plaque. Commissioner Hibbard suggested having a conceptual done to see if everyone approves of the design. Commissioner Lotti said the copies could be improved so that more detail will be visible. There was a discussion about changing the wording on the logo draft. Commissioner Hibbard proposed changing the wording to, "Celebrating the Hallmarks of the South". The sepia toned logo and black and white logo will both be used dependent on whether it's on letterhead, plaques, etc. Commissioner Proctor motioned to approve the changes and Commissioner Wilhelm seconded. The motion carried 5/0.

There was a discussion on who will be the first recipient of the Recognition award. Commissioner Hibbard will draft a "statement of purpose" and distribute to Staff, before a decision is made as to who will be the recipient or recipients. Commissioner Hibbard recommends doing a conceptual of the plaque for O'Charley's. The Commission agreed that O'Charley's will be the first commercial recipient and will make a decision soon, on which individual will receive the plaque.

Other Business: Commissioner Hibbard said if the commercial design guidelines from Douglasville, Cartersville and Carrollton were combined; it would be a good basis for ideas for a draft for Villa Rica Historic Preservation. Commissioner Schwarzkoph talked about using photographs of historic structures as a beginning for drafting design guidelines. Commissioner Lotti said when Dr. Anne McCleary turns in the historic assessment, which will include photographs; it will give a better idea of a starting point to begin amending the draft design guideline. Commissioner Lotti will contact Dr. McCleary to see if a copy of the downtown districts from the historical survey can be sent first. Commissioner Mitchell asked if the old train depot could be used as an example of architectural style. Commissioner Lotti explained that a structure must still be intact, or at least the surface or sub-surface.

Commissioner Schwarzkoph suggests working with the Downtown Development Authority on a Master Plan to see what they perceive Villa Rica should look like and what the Historic Preservation Commission envisions.

There was some discussion of the development of the City Hall Complex and whether there will be any historical design significance to the new City Hall development. Freeman said the Commission should have input into the design.

Public Comments:

Commissioner Hibbard reminded everyone that he will not be at the January 2010 meeting.

There being no other comments, Commissioner Proctor motioned to adjourn at 8:06 p.m., Commissioner Lotti seconded and the motion carried 5/0.

Historic Preservation Chairperson and Date

Community Development Director