



City of Marietta

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Meeting Minutes MARIETTA HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

David Freedman, Chairman
Martin C. Kendall, Vice Chair
Rebecca Nash Paden
Christopher Campbell
Jim Trimble
Suzanne Dent
Steve Imler

Monday, April 3, 2023

6:00 PM

Marietta City Hall Council Chambers

Present: David Freedman, Suzanne Dent, Martin Kendall, Christopher Campbell, Rebecca Paden, Jim Trimble, Steve Imler

Absent:

Staff Present:

Rusty Roth, Development Services Director
Sarah Ciccone, Zoning Administrator
Paige Dunson, Urban Planner
Joseph Atkins, Board Attorney
Sandra Lloyd, Secretary

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Freedman called the Historic Preservation Commission meeting to order at 6:45 PM.

MINUTES:

20230141 Regular Meeting Minutes

Review and approve the Historic Preservation Commission January 30, 2023 regular meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Commission member Campbell, seconded by Commission member Paden, that the January 30, 2023 Historic Preservation Commission regular meeting minutes be Approved and Finalized. The motion carried by the following vote:

Vote 7-0-0

BUSINESS:

In addition to the two (2) items on the agenda, Chairman Freedman plans to introduce a few other discussion items.

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Signage for Historic Buildings in the Downtown Historic District (Marietta Square)

Discuss the feasibility of placing historic marker signs on the historic buildings in the downtown historic district.

Since the previous Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) meeting, Chairman Freedman, met with Economic Development (ED) Project Manager, Rachel Langelotti, as recommended by City Manager Bill Bruton. She has met with the Marietta History Center and is working with them to develop signage concepts for the Square. She hopes to have an update to present at the next HPC meeting. Their discussion leans more toward plaques as opposed to interpretive signs.

Funding-HPC has a budget that is earmarked for signage. This would be a multi-year project that will/should involve multiple departments and groups to contribute to funding; Ex - DMDA (Downtown Marietta Development Agency)

QR Codes could be placed on the plaques however, there has to be a central location to provide and update the information. Chairman Freedman requested that staff research the QR code infrastructure regarding content, maintenance etc. The Waterworks signage could be used as an example or model for the infrastructure and potential expansion to other city owned and privately owned historical properties as appropriate.

A revised motion was made by Chairman Freedman, seconded by Commission member Dent, requesting Staff to investigate the possibility of using QR codes, and any related infrastructure needed for the proposed historic signs/plaques using the Waterworks Building sign as the example with the possibility of expanding to other historic City owned and privately owned historic properties as deemed appropriate. The motion was Approved with the following vote:

Vote: 7-0-0

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2023 Historic Preservation Commission Training

7-8-9-030 Historic Preservation Commission

3. All commission members and anyone serving the commission in a technical assistance/professional staff capacity shall attend at least one informational or educational meetings per year pertaining to historic preservation.

Discuss the status of training for Historic Preservation Commission members.

Chairman Freedman opened a discussion regarding HPC training which is required for all Commission members. He mentioned that Steve Imler and Suzanne Dent recently participated in an online training event. He alerted the Commission members to the upcoming GA Trust Spring Ramble, April 21-23 which can be a training opportunity.

Chairman Freedman made a motion to add a request from Marietta City Schools to designate Lemon Street Grammar School as a local historic landmark.

A motion was made by Chairman Freedman, seconded by Commission member Paden, that the agenda be amended to include this item. The vote to amend the agenda was Approved and Finalized, and carried by the following vote:

Vote 7-0-0

Ms. Kelah "Brittany" Wallace sent a letter to Chairman Freedman with the request to designate Lemon Street Grammar School (350 Lemon Street Marietta, GA) as a local historic landmark. The school was approached some time ago about this designation however decided not to move forward at that time. Between then and now, renovations were made to the building. If the HPC moves forward with this, the process will start with the written request; the HPC would then put forward a motion to proceed, go before City Council for their approval to proceed, develop design guidelines, have the design guidelines approved and then bring the matter before City Council for their final approval. The process once begun, would take approximately six months to complete. The applicant is also applying to be on the National Register of Historic Places.

A motion was made by Chairman Freedman, seconded by Commission member Dent, that the Historic Preservation Commission proceed with the designation process to name Lemon Street Grammar School as a local historic landmark. The motion was Approved and Finalized and carried by the following vote:

Vote 7-0-0

Chairman Freedman made a motion to add a discussion of the Clark Library interpretive sign at 156 Church Street (now K. Mike Whittle Designs- Florist).

A motion was made by Chairman Freedman, seconded by Commission member Paden, that this item be added to the agenda. The motion was Approved and Finalized and carried by the following vote:

Vote 7-0-0

Chairman Freedman encouraged the Commission members to go by the location to view the sign. It is faded and in need of repair. The vendor, Fossil Industries, the original provider of the sign, was contacted to replace the sign as they still have the original template. The City's Parks Department will be responsible for installing the replacement sign. Staff will request a field purchase order for the cost of the sign and shipping as Chairman Freedman indicated the total cost should not exceed \$600.00 thereby bypassing the need for bids.

A motion was made by Chairman Freedman, seconded by Commission member Imler, to authorize the City to move forward with replacing and installing the Clark Library sign at 156 Church St., now K. Mike Whittle Designs-Florist. The motion was Approved and Finalized and carried by the following vote:

Vote 7-0-0

Commission member Chris Campbell opened a discussion item regarding a property that will be going up for sale on Vance Circle in the Forest Avenue Historic District. The property is in "pretty bad shape" and he wanted the commission to be aware for any future inquiries

.Discussed

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Freedman adjourned the meeting at 7:10 PM



David Freedman, Chairman



Sandra Lloyd, Secretary