

MINUTES

HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMISSION JULY 18, 2007

The Historic Resources Commission met on Wednesday, July 18, 2007 at 4:00pm in the Commissioners' Conference Room of the Henderson County Office Building.

Committee members present were: Chairman Judy Abrell, Vice-Chair Susan Sneeringer, Babs Kuykendall, Donald Wilson, Roger Snyder and Eugene Avergon.

Committee members absent were: James Stockman and Dries Jansma.

Henderson County staff in attendance were: Research and Budget Analyst Amy Brantley.

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

Judy Abrell called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Roger Snyder made the motion to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2007 meeting as presented. Susan Sneeringer seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Materials received from the State Archives

The materials requested from the State Archives, which had been distributed among the members at the last meeting, were returned and grouped into their geographic areas.

Distribution of new list of historic structures in Hendersonville and Flat Rock

A new list of properties falling just within the municipal boundaries of Hendersonville and Flat Rock was distributed. As these are the properties that the Commission has no authority over, this list will be used in conjunction with the comprehensive list of all properties to establish the list of all applicable properties.

Additional Discussion

There was discussion of how much authority towns have to restrict what may be done to historic properties. Roger Snyder answered that towns can restrict some of what may be done, but must be very careful not to "restrict the best use" of the property.

There was also discussion of two properties in Mills River, one old slave house and the Pinkbeds Post Office, and whether they could be moved to municipal property and still designated as a landmark. Staff will check with Becca Johnson, State Historic Preservation Specialist, to find out what latitude would be allowed a moved property with respect to tax credits and designations.

Don Wilson questioned the specific charge to the Commission. Chairman Abrell stated that is to identify all historic landmarks, not just structures, and to produce an accurate inventory of historic properties.

Distribution of Design Guidelines

Copies of Hendersonville Historic Preservation Commission's Design Guidelines were distributed to the Commission. Consensus was to review the guidelines, see what might be applicable for this Commission, and rewrite them accordingly. There was additional discussion about possible consultation with Tom Orr on this project.

IMPORTANT DATES

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, August 15, 2007.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned.

DATE APPROVED: AUGUST 15, 2007