

MINUTES

HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMISSION APRIL 18, 2007

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

Committee members present were: Judy Abrell, Babs Kuykendall, Susan Sneeringer, Donald Wilson, James Stockman, Dries Jansma and Eugene Avergon.

Committee members absent were: Roger Snyder.

Henderson County staff in attendance were: Research and Grants Coordinator Amy Brantley.

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

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

ELECTION OF A VICE-CHAIRMAN

Judy Abrell discussed the need for the Commission to have a Vice-Chairman. *Babs Kuykendall nominated Susan Sneeringer and made the motion to appoint her to that position. All voted in favor and the motion carried.*

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Discussion of Top 10 Landmark Possibilities

It had been suggested by the representatives from Raleigh that a list of the top 10 possible historic landmarks should be developed within the first year of the Commission's existence. Based on that suggestion, Commission members discussed several possibilities, some of which were:

- The Westfeldt Rugby Grange. Eugene Avergon expressed doubt that they would be interested in local designation, although the property is on the National Register
- Hannah House – on Greenville Highway
- Mary Mills Coxe Inn. It was noted that the Inn had recently been purchased to be run as a Bed and Breakfast, and was also already on the National Register.

Review list of oldest properties

There was discussion of beginning a project to go out and look at some of the County's oldest properties, to determine whether they appeared to be historically intact. There was also discussion about what guidelines were already in place with respect to making such a determination. The State supplies the broadest design and designation guidelines. It was the consensus of the Commission to have Vice-Chairman Sneeringer bring back a list of the city's guidelines at the next meeting, so a determination of what this Commission is seeking may be determined.

Eugene Avergon questioned whether it was this Commission's job to actually make recommendations on properties that might be designated as historic. Chairman Abrell stated that the Commission's first priority was to complete a survey of possible historic properties. Several forms were distributed to assist the Commission with that survey: North Carolina Historic Structure Survey Form, Properties on the National Register, Properties on the State Register, and National Register and Study List Entries.

To begin the survey, Chairman Abrell suggested the Commission review the list of the county's oldest properties, and remove any Flat Rock properties from consideration, since the Flat Rock Historic District was already on the National Register.

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The list which remained after Flat Rock properties were removed was then reviewed. Several members volunteered to go out and look at the buildings on record, and take pictures when possible. The following were the properties volunteered for by each member:

Donald Wilson – 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 20, 24, 26, 30, 31, 32, 35, 40, 44, 46, 47, 49, 50

Eugene Avergon – 3, 9, 34, 38, 45

Judy Abrell – 36, 37, 42

Jim Stockman – 2, 27, 41

Susan Sneeringer – 36, and any “unknowns”

Babs Kuykendall – 39

The group reviewed the information already on file with the County for several of the properties, looking at pictures, building outlines, and where the properties were located within the County. If possible, photos will be taken of the properties to assist in the survey.

IMPORTANT DATES

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, May 16, 2007.

ADJOURN

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