

## FAIRHOPE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Minutes from the meeting of February 2, 2017:

### Attendees:

Gary Gover	Harriet Gutknecht	Donnie Barrett
Jim Huggins	Sissy Birindelli	Joe Birindelli
Linda Jones	Jimmy Conyers (City Council Liaison)	

### Historic Preservation Ordinance:

There is no updated information on the Ordinance. The committee members commended the ordinances from Magnolia Springs and Eufaula. Gary will review the remarks submitted by several members about the revised ordinance back on March 2016. He will compare both drafts of the document (the original from 7-2-14) and send a revised draft to the city officials. He will also submit the document to Jack Burrell to be placed on the council agenda. Donnie will send out a copy of the original Ordinance to all committee members.

### Treasured Historic Home Sign:

The sign has last been displayed at the home of Ken Niemeyer @ 7 Fels Avenue. Linda will move the sign to 351 Grand Ave., the home of Joe and Sissy Birindelli, on February 2, 2017. Linda will also send photos of the previous homes where the sign has been displayed to Sherry Sullivan for submission to the newspaper.

### Members List:

Linda will contact Lisa Hanks to confirm the completion of the paperwork for Jim Huggins' membership. An updated Members List will then be compiled.

### Treasury:

There is currently \$17,482.87 in the treasury.

### Other Business:

The members expressed their frustration with the recent demolition of an historic house on Fairhope Ave. The passing of the Preservation Ordinance would have offered the owners information about grants and financial aid in preserving the house and maybe save the building from being torn down.

Jonathan Smith, the City Planning Director, will leave his post on February 17, 2017. His departure follows the hire of former Baldwin County Planning Director Wayne Dyess.

The committee members discussed the Tatumville Cemetery and several more cemeteries in the area including one off Molokai Road. The committee that oversees their clean-up had set up a GoFundMe account and tried to raise money for an historical marker. Linda passed around the original Courier article, dated March 2016, about the story.

Linda contacted Lisa Hanks requesting her to correct the posted Preservation Committee Meeting time from 9:00 am to 9:30 am.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Thursday March 2, 2017 @ 9:30 am at the Fairhope Museum.

**UPON RECEIVING YOUR REMINDER OF OUR UPCOMING MEETING, PLEASE RESPOND TO 'REPLY TO ALL' TO LET OTHER MEMBERS KNOW WHETHER OR NOT YOU WILL ATTEND. A QUORUM MUST BE REACHED IN ORDER TO PROCEED WITH THE MEETING.**

minutes prepared by Linda Jones FHPC Secretary