

# Fairhope Historic Preservation Committee

Monthly Meeting Notes Wednesday, December 12, 2018, 9:30am- Fairhope Museum of History

## Attendance

Gary Gover, Jill Godard, Gabriel Gold-Vukson, Jim Huggins, Lisa Atchley, Museum liaison- Darby Wiik and Local Builder -Teresa Adcock. ABSENT: Linda Jones, Cooper Norman and Jimmy Conyers.

## Notes

1. The following officers were elected for 2019 - Chairman-Jill Godard, Secretary-Lisa Atchley, Treasurer- Gabriel Gold-Vukson.
2. Membership application for Teresa Adcock was approved by the committee and Lisa will bring the application to Lisa Hanks with the city to go to council for formal approval.
3. Gary Gover's membership is to be renewed since according to committee bylaws/Ordinance 1515 the term is three years and it needs to be renewed in order to be in compliance. Jim Huggins has been on the committee for many years and had to take a leave, but his membership was recently renewed. Will check on date for his renewal. Gary believes that Linda Jones will also need a renewal as well.
4. According to bylaws there are to be no more than 10 members on the committee, in addition to 1 city liaison and 1 city council liaison with a total of 12 max. Currently we have only 6 voting members and you need 5 for a quorum.
5. Meeting minutes need to be completed as soon as possible and marked as DRAFT in order to be given to Lisa Hanks with the city as soon as possible. Once she receives them, they will go to all council and mayor for review and at the next meeting for the committee we can review and formally approve in person. Then the notes can be sent back to Lisa Hanks with formal approval to go on the website.
6. Darby is going to check to see if she can make some storage space or filing room for files at the museum that Gary has been holding at his house.
7. Gary brought up the bronze marker program for the Downtown Historic District. He had contacted all properties that were surveyed and determined to be Historic Properties and asked if they would be interested in placing a bronze marker on their homes and only half agreed. Bronze markers were made and paid for with committee funds and given to residents. He asked if the committee wanted to continue this since someone that bought a building was interested. It was agreed that this is a good idea and it would be revisited at the beginning of the year once we determine the budget and review the additional properties. Gary will let the man know this and the committee will discuss at January meeting. Markers were \$124 each.
8. Just to clarify the markers for all members - the shields that are on the homes now are properties that were identified by Baldwin County Historic Development Commission (BCHDC) as Historic properties. The Bronze Markers are from the Fairhope Downtown Historic District survey that was done several years ago. Neither one of these designations can protect any of these properties from being torn down or altered.

9. Darby has a copy of the survey in her office in a binder marked. She said that Donnie made many comments about how the survey was incorrect. To date no changes have been made, but his comments are in the binder. The committee at some point before contacting the owners again should review this. Teresa browsed through it and noticed some errors as well. This document is on the city website.
10. Gary brought up that there is a property on the corner of Church and De la Mare that is being considered as a bar/restaurant and they are trying to change zoning. The owner has been vocal about wanting to make sure he preserved the architectural history of the property. This could be a media opportunity for us as a committee to bring awareness to the need for preservation.
11. Moving forward we all realize the importance of having the city, state and local entities on board with our mission for the committee to be able to form a commission and make a difference in our community. Below is the summary of what action items are to take place before the next meeting.

#### **Summary for next meeting on January 9, 2019**

1. Jill is to speak to Jimmy Conyers about inviting the following people to a special meeting at the end of January to discuss our common goals on Historic Preservation. Wayne Dyess- Director of Planning, Lee Turner with the Planning Commission who is also involved with the Single Tax Corp., Erik Cortinas- Building Official, Philip Bolin- Museum Director and someone from the Baldwin County Historic Committee.
2. Before we set a date with the above people, we will need to focus our entire next regularly scheduled meeting on what we want to discuss at this special meeting at the end of January. Everyone is to come up with questions before January 9<sup>th</sup> and email to the group what they feel could be discussed. This way we have a starting point.
3. Gabriel is to find out how much money we have in our account and to also speak to someone with the city about adding the Committee on their Facebook site. Darby will put him in contact with Paige. If approved, we would funnel information to this person about what we are doing and have them post on the city site for now. We need to get the community engaged.
4. Gabriel or anyone with connections with the Baldwin newspapers like Fairhope Times and Gulf Coast News to keep them connected so when we decide to get information out to the press we can be ready.

ALL MEETINGS WILL BE HELD THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 9:30AM AT THE MUSEUM. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING IS JANUARY 9<sup>TH</sup> AT 9:30AM.

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