

Fairhope Historic Preservation Committee

Monthly Meeting Notes

October 14, 2020

9:30 a.m.

Fairhope Museum of History

Attendance: Jill Godard, Gary Gover, Gabriel Gold-Vukson (museum liaison), Mara Hunter, Andrew Ousley. Sherry Sullivan, Jimmy Connors and Jessica Walker.
– Committee members NOT present – Jim Huggins, Skip Jones, Cooper Norman

Call to order: 9:33 by Jill Godard

Old Business:

- September meeting minutes approved.
- Tabled work on Historic Ordinance until after gathering input from the Foley Historic Commission at November meeting.

New Business

1. Introduction: Sherry Sullivan, followed by review of Committee's Goals and Strategies based on feedback from last fall's presentation to the city council. JG emphasizes the sole focus is on creating an Historic Commission. Ensuing discussion reflects general optimism that climate has changed regarding historic preservation. Further discussion with all present produced the following recommendations:
 - Return to the By-Laws to expand scope of the Committee.
 - Public forum to discuss proposal.
 - Recommendation to invite Miriam Boone from Foley to discuss building an historical commission and hold this event in the civic center or library.
2. GG: Recommends community survey. Last time HPC conducted a survey was 2010. Suggests town of Carrboro, NC as model, which institutes a systematic survey, every 2 years. Advocates Fairhope institutionalize a survey. Some skepticism about a survey from some attendees. Sullivan suggests as incoming Mayor, she could begin with a survey of some hot button issues.
3. GG: Environmental Committee wrote up a Recommendation that will be addressed in January.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:30 by Jill Godard.

Next Meeting November 18, 2020, 9:00 at Civic Center