

## **Fairhope Historic Preservation Committee**

Monthly Meeting Notes

November 18, 2020

8:35 a.m.

Fairhope Civic Center

**Attendance:** Jill Godard, Gary Gover, Gabriel Gold-Vukson (museum liaison), Cooper Norman, Mara Hunter, Andrew Ousley. Sherry Sullivan, Robert Brown (city council liaison), city council members Jimmy Connors and Corey Martin, and Jessica Walker. Miriam Boone, Foley Community Development Director.

– Committee members NOT present – Jim Huggins, Skip Jones

Call to order: 8:35 by Jill Godard

### **Old Business:**

- October meeting minutes approved.

### **New Business**

1. Introductions to new city council liaison Robert Brown. The FHPC and Mr. Brown discussed how to build a good balance between historic preservation property owner rights. CN gives explains how historic preservation codes leave space for homeowner.
2. Introduction of Miriam Boone. Ms. Boone discusses Foley Preservation process. Describes grants that Foley has received, including an application for self-guided tours, and working with teachers. Emphasizes the public process of establishing an historical commission. Public meetings. Foley purchases buildings to facilitate preservation. Steven McNair, David Snyder in Mobile AL served as consultants. Ms. Boone advocates meeting with business owners one-on-one to solicit feedback and address potential concerns. Start with small urban area then expand to residential as community desires.
3. Sherry Sullivan discusses the importance of education about Historic Preservation.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:45 by Jill Godard.

December meeting postponed until January 13, 9:30 a.m.