Fairhope Historic Preservation Committee

Monthly Meeting Notes February 10, 2021

9:30 a.m.

DelChamps Meeting Room

Attendance: Jill Godard, Gary Gover, Mara Hunter, Skip Jones, Cooper Norman, Gabriel Gold-Vukson (Museum Liaison)

- Committee members NOT present –Jim Huggins, Andrew Ousley

Not present: Robert Brown
 Call to order: 9:31 by Jill Godard

Old Business:

Meeting Minutes Approved

• Continue with main goals for 2021 including finalizing the ordinance, moving into technology, continue researching successful ordinances like in Foley and Auburn. Develop an informed public presentation.

New Business

- 1) Working Document already together: the July 2019 version JG and SJ presented to the city council in 2019. Keep the document moving forward, just put together a few notes that highlight elements of the Ordinance, particularly emphasizing where individuals have rights.
- 2) Potential Recommendations Committee could make to city Council: Design Studio, work through zoning, i.e. a step in the permitting process. Discussion: Design Studio, a good idea and a major process, but requires structural change as significant as an ordinance.
- 3) Discussion of economic impact study of Historic Preservation:
 MH contacted the Alabama Historic Commission for economic impact data of historic preservation for the state of Alabama. The Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer responded that no such data has been gathered. Discussion ensued. GG noted the Fairhope committee received a grant to study the benefit of historical preservation; the last write-up was 1998. SJ will inquire with contacts about performing an economic impact study and GG will investigate how much is in our account and how to spend money with city treasurer Kim Creech.
- 4) Other tasks: a) JG contact city to inquire about other work in relation to historic preservation; b) CN: Will send links to 2 documents with abstract; c) MH: Contact Jessica Walker and ask about position change Paige Crawford; update room change with Lisa Hanks.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:30 by Jill Godard.

Next Meeting March 10, 2021, 9:30 at Fairhope Historic Museum