

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES

May 13, 2009

Members Present: Louise Howard (Chairman), Alexis Cooke, Durward Matheny, Thomas Neal, Carol Smith (Treasurer), Johanna Trotter, and
Members Absent: Alexis Cooke, Amy Dowdle, Debra Ludas (Vice-Chair), and Scott Wagner
Staff Present: Agnes Wanman (Planner)
Guests Present: Chris Kaeberlein

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:35p.m. by the Chair.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the April 8, 2009 meeting were approved unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Carol Smith delivered the Treasurer's report. The bank balance, as of March 12, 2009 was \$12,525.57. After the check to the Woman's Club for \$3,904.39 for their half of the Christmas tour proceeds, a \$45.00 deposit for a historic home plaque, and \$0.92 in interest the bank balance as of April 12, 2009 was \$8,667.10. Carol also reported that the amount the HPC received from the Garden Club for the Garden Tour in 2002 was \$537.13. This was the amount earmarked for landscaping in the median on North Main Street.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Allen Young House Update:** Agnes Wanman reported that she asked David St. John, a local contractor recommended by staff in the town inspections department to prepare an estimate for the mothballing of the Allen Young House. He visited the site and prepared the requested cost estimate. The estimate included removing vegetation from around the house, sheath over holes in the flooring, board up windows, doors, and the burned out gable ends, remove the hanging flue, and cover the holes in the roof. The total was \$4,730. After discussion the HPC asked Agnes to request that Mr. St. John itemize his cost estimate.

It was also decided that, due to the fact that the mothballing estimate was approaching the cost of the study, the HPC would prioritize the study rather than the mothballing. If the report shows that the house is indeed significant then we would discuss the mothballing. The historic structure report will cost \$6,000. Carol Smith moved to approve payment of \$3,000 toward the historic structure report with the provision that the town board would authorize payment of the balance. Tom Neal seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The HPC asked Agnes Wanman to report this decision to the town Board of Commissioners at their May meeting. Agnes will ask that the town staff clear out vegetation from around the house to allow for the photos and work around the house for the report.

Agnes also reported that she would be on the agenda of the July meeting of the Wake County Historical Society to talk about the Allen Young House and request a grant for the project. She will talk with Ruth Little, who will be doing the report, about getting the research portion complete before that meeting so that our information will be as complete as possible.

- B. Enforcing Paint Colors:** Agnes Wanman reported that she submitted a request on the historic preservation listserv on recommendations from others in the field regarding the regulation of paint colors. The results were mixed but substantially recommending not to do it. Agnes handed out copies of the responses that she received.

Agnes reported that the National Trust for Historic Preservation has worked with Valspar Paint, carried by Lowes Home Improvement, in developing a palette of historic paint colors. She is trying to obtain a sample deck of these colors. She has collected assorted palettes from local paint stores that show historic colors.

NEW BUSINESS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. June COA:** Agnes Wanman reported that there will be a COA request at the June meeting for the demolition of a house designated as “contributing” in the Wake Forest Historic District. This will be the first time that we will go through the evaluating and, perhaps, delaying a demolition permit since the ordinance was passed last year.
- B. Other:** None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise Howard, Chairman

Agnes W. Wanman, Secretary