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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES

July 13, 2011

Members Present: Louise Howard (Chairman), Alexis Cooke (Vice-Chair), Amy Dowdle, Ruth Ann Dyer, Tom Neal, Sandy Smart, and Ann Welton
Members Absent: Debra Ludas, and Parker Schlink (Treasurer)
Staff Present: Agnes Wanman (Planner)
Guests Present: Nancy Bates, Chris Kaeberlein, and the Newhouses

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:10pm by the Vice-Chair.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the June 8, 2011 meeting were unanimously approved.

COA PUBLIC HEARING AND CASE REVIEW

A. COA-11-6: A request filed by Nancy Bates for a Certificate of Appropriateness to replace the vinyl siding with wood cedar shakes to match the original on the second floor, above the eaves, of her home at 409 North Main Street. Nancy Bates and Agnes Wanman were sworn in. Agnes presented the application and staff report and submitted them into the record. The proposed work will restore the historic material that was removed some years ago. Nancy clarified that the siding will extend around the sides to the back and that they had originally received a COA at the time the vinyl siding had been installed. After general discussion, Tom Neal moved to accept the finding of fact that the request meets the Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation. Alexis Cooke seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Tom then moved to accept the finding of fact that the request meets the Wake Forest Historic District Design Guidelines. Alexis seconded the motions which also passed

unanimously. Tom moved to grant the COA without conditions. Ann Welton seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Because she would not be able to make the meeting, Treasurer, Parker Schlink, submitted her report to Agnes Wanman who presented it at the meeting. After writing a check to Keystone Ridge Designs in the amount of \$2,374.40 for the trash cans, our bank balance is \$3,909.80. Our next CD to mature will be on August 4, 2011 which will automatically renew. Agnes then presented the HPC with a check for \$914.88 from the Town of Wake Forest for the money they received from online ticket sales for the Christmas Tour of 2010. The report was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Update on Trash Cans:** The trash cans were order and the bill paid in order to receive a small discount. They are expected to arrive sometime in September.

- B. Update on Letter to NCDOT to Remove Thru-Trucks from North Main St:** Copies of the response sent to Mayor Vivian Jones were handed out. The NCDOT turned down our request, saying that they ran a survey and the percentage of traffic that is comprised of large trucks is very small and the only recent accident involving a truck was a pickup. NCDOT said that our concern over safety is not applicable in our case. The HPC asked Chris Kaeberlein if there was anything else that could be done. As long as it's a DOT street they make the decisions and it is highly unlikely that it would ever be de-designated a US numbered highway, making it very unlikely that the town would ever be able to take it over. The town may be able to request a speed limit change from 35mph to 25mph. Perhaps, this might trigger something in the commercial routing systems to minimize through traffic here. If nothing else, then it might at least make the street safer as a residential street.

- C. Update on Rezoning Application for the Mackie House at 340 North Main St:** Agnes Wanman read the HPC's letter of requested conditions. Louise Howard signed it and Agnes will submit it to the planner handling the case, Charlie Yokley. The case will go to public hearing before the Planning Board and Board of Commissioners on August 2, 2011 and the Board of Commissioners will make the final decision at their regular meeting two weeks later.

D. **Other:** None

NEW BUSINESS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

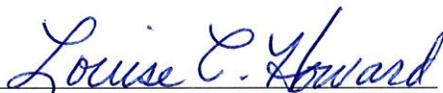
A. **Proposed Building Renovations by DuBois Alumna Association:** Chris Kaeberlein reported that the DuBois Alumna Association gave a presentation to the Board of Commissioners on their plans for renovating the gym. A number of buildings on campus are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. He asked if the HPC has any oversight in such a project. HPC members clarified that, no, they did not have oversight on that property but that they would be glad to offer advice on the project if the DuBois Assn. requested it.

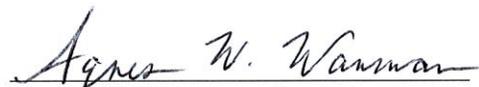
B. **Other:** None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Louise Howard, Chairman


Agnes W. Wanman, Secretary