

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES

January 11, 2012

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

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by the Chair.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the December 14, 2011 meeting were unanimously approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Parker Schlink gave the report. After accounting for \$0.19 interest for December and one outstanding check to the Wake Forest Woman's Club for \$8.96, our bank balance is \$4,547.22. The next CD to mature is scheduled to mature on February 2, 2012, before our next meeting. Tom Neal moved to roll the CD over. Ann Welton seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The report was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Preparation for Historic Preservation Plan Public Meeting in January:** Agnes Wanman discussed the plan for the meeting and a brief description of how to facilitate. Parker Schlink and Ruth Ann Dyer volunteered to work at the registration desk. HPC members will also man the map on which participants are to mark where they live and work and serve as facilitators at the various tables. It was suggested that the HPC members have name tags at the meeting, identifying them. Agnes will bring these along with sandwiches for HPC and staff. HPC and staff are to meet at the Ledford Center at 5:15, or as soon afterwards as they can. We need to be ready for the public by 6:30pm.
- B. “This Place Matters” Campaign Up and Running!:** Agnes Wanman encouraged HPC members to submit photos and to encourage others to do so. Those HPC members who can will meet at the Ailey Young House to try again for a photo of them with the house. We’ll meet on Sunday January 15 at 1:30pm.
- C. Update on Ailey Young House:** Agnes Wanman reported that she still waiting for the cost estimates. She also said that the Board of Commissioners would want to know how much the HPC would be willing to contribute toward the renovation project. The consensus was that the HPC would contribute cash but wanted to wait until the figures came in before deciding on a specific amount. Frank Drake suggested that the HPC to offer support for this and any other projects. He would, of course, support us but he also lives in the historic district. If he too strongly supports us some might see that is self-serving. Ann Hines, Greg Harrington, or Margaret Stinnett were offered by HPC members as possibilities.

NEW BUSINESS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Election of Officers at February Meeting:** Agnes Wanman announced that the HPC will hold its election of officers at the February meeting. We’ll need to elect a Chair for a 2 year term, a Vice-Chair for a 1 year term, and a Treasurer for a 1 year term.
- B. Other: Heartsfield House:** Ruth Ann Dyer commented that she has received a communication concerning the use of the spelling of “Heartsfield” in the landmark status of the Heartsfield House. It was pointed out that, historically, the family spelled its name as “Hartsfield”. This concern will be added to the file. *(Note added after the meeting: The property description discusses this issue and explains why it went with the “Heartsfield” spelling. The first recorded owner of the house, Wesley Heartsfield, used the Heartsfield spelling. Up until 1880 deed references and signatures often, though not always, used the spelling “Heartsfield”. After the 1880s the family seemed to standardize the spelling to “Hartsfield”. Other area properties, such as the Green-Hartsfield House and the Hartsfield-Perry Farm, use the “Hartsfield” spelling because that is how they are identified on their National Register nominations.)*

Christmas Lights on N. Main Street: Louise Howard discussed the possibility of placing Christmas lights along N. Main Street next year. It was also suggested that this might be a good way to identify homes on the tour next year. We have received comments that it's hard to see the signs after dark. Louise has found instructions for making the light balls that can be put up in trees. She will report back on costs. We would need volunteers to make them and find out a way to get electricity to them. If we can't get them in the median we could ask homeowners to volunteer to have them in their yards, connected to the homeowner's electrical supply.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise Howard, Chairman

Agnes W. Wanman, Secretary