

MINUTES

ATHENS HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

AUGUST 7, 2025

3:30 P.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

Laura Lenoir
Timberly Guffey
Jordan Curtis
Chairperson Shawn McKeegan
Jona Garrett

MEMBERS ABSENT

Justin White
Kim Cochran-Graham

OTHERS ATTENDING

Nora Cardin
Anthony Casteel
Meredith Wilson
Sandra Kinney

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of June 5, 2025 regular meeting minutes

The minutes of the June 5, 2025, regular meeting, were read and approved on motion by Laura Lenoir; seconded by Timberly Guffey; vote – unanimous

Chairperson Shawn McKeegan moved to have the new business addressed first, since the property owners were present and the discussion on the historic overlay would be lengthier. No one objected.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) request for Addison and Caitlyn Butler- 708 Ingleside Avenue- for addition of rear screened-in porch.

- a. Owner Comments
- b. Public Comments

Mrs. Cardin showed the Commission updated pictures of the completed screened-in porch. She said it is not visible from Ingleside Avenue but can be seen from Blount. She said the property owners were not aware that they had to get permission to do this type of work. She said it appears to look similar to another side screened in porch that was existing.

painting, HVAC & electrical. You can do it without historic zoning, but you are eliminating 30% of the grant money.

Meredith Wilson, who is on the design committee for Main Street, spoke about grants and the historic preservation overlay. She said there is a disconnect between some people who work in the city and Main Street. There was some continued discussion.

Mrs. Cardin explained that until this conversation of the downtown overlay came up, she had very minimal contact with Main Street. Frank Clark (Communications) has more communication with Main Street.

Mrs. Morgan asked if downtown property owners showed up to any meetings.

Mrs. Cardin said not regularly, but some showed up to the informational meeting that was held earlier in the year.

There was further discussion.

Mrs. Cardin suggested that she, Chairperson McKeehan, and Sandra from Main Street get together and form a plan of how they are going to move forward and work together.

Sandra said she would like to get some other voices to be heard at the next informational meeting. There are some voices who dominate.

Mrs. Morgan suggested they get Brenda Bryan from the Lily Pad in Sweetwater or Sam Moser who owns The Lazy Beagle Grill and Pub in Sweetwater.

The Historic Preservation Commission thanked Mrs. Morgan for coming and the meeting was adjourned.



Shawn McKeehan, Chairperson



Timberly Guffey, Secretary