

MINUTES

ATHENS HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

FEBRUARY 2, 2023

3:30 P.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairperson Will Houston
Richard Newman
Laura Lenoir
Jona Garrett
Jordan Curtis

MEMBERS ABSENT

Lauren Brown
Timberly Guffey

OTHERS ATTENDING

Nora Cardin

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of January 5, 2023 regular meeting minutes

The minutes of the January 5, 2023, regular meeting were read and approved on motion by Laura Lenoir; seconded by Jona Garrett; vote – unanimous

OLD BUSINESS

1. Brochure discussion

There was discussion about the brochure.

Chairperson Houston said the last time they discussed the brochure and applying for another grant. However, he said that a more prudent method may be to do the research throughout the year and then apply for the grant when they are closer to being finished with the research.

There was more discussion.

Mrs. Cardin said the way they did it last time was they broke the district into sections and each person had a few properties to research on their own to contribute to the brochure. However, it was not split evenly amongst the members last time. She thinks the way it is split up now is pretty even.

Chairperson Houston said some things to look for while doing research would be the person/family who built it, perhaps an architect, style and anything else of interest, such as notable people who have lived there.

Mrs. Cardin talked about the Sunshine Law but she did not think researching this would be breaking it.

Mr. Newman asked if they were asking each member to take a section of properties and research that area.

Chairperson Houston said yes.

Mrs. Lenoir said they also talked about going to the register of deeds office together.

Mr. Newman asked if there was any prohibition on them just knocking on doors.

Mr. Houston said that will be a crucial step whether or not it gets you to a bill date, whether they have a deed.

Mrs. Lenoir said you have to be careful taking information from people and not recording it. You don't want to offend the person that supplied the information. She said some of the records she has found seem to start at 1930, so you cannot always trust that.

The properties were divided up amongst the members for each of them to research.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Ratification of Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) for Virginia Rock- 410 Ingleside Avenue- for replacement of back porch.**

Mrs. Cardin showed the Commission a picture of the old porch and you could tell it was not in good shape. She showed a picture of the new porch which is smaller and not visible from the right of way. This can be administratively approved as long as it is not visible from the right of way according to the guidelines.

MOTION: To ratify the Certificate of Appropriateness.

MADE: Jordan Curtis

SECOND: Laura Lenoir

VOTE: Unanimous

MOTION PASSED

2. Ratification of Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) for Virginia Rock- 410 Ingleside Avenue- for replacement of metal gutters.

Mrs. Cardin said that originally, the applicant wanted to replace the white gutters with black gutters. However, did not want to wait for the regular monthly meeting because they were in bad shape, and she wanted to get it done. The applicant decided to replace the deteriorated white gutters with new white gutters which was able to be approved by Staff.

MOTION: To ratify the Certificate of Appropriateness.

MADE: Jona Garrett

SECOND: Laura Lenoir

VOTE: Unanimous

MOTION PASSED

Mrs. Lenoir mentioned the brochure again and made mention about reaching out to previous members who were assigned certain areas to see what information they may have collected.


Will Houston, Chairperson


Timberly Guffey, Secretary