MINUTES OF THE MEETING

ATHENS HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

MARCH 6, 2025

3:30 P.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	OTHERS ATTENDING
Laura Lenoir	Justin White	Nora Cardin
Timberly Guffey		Anthony Casteel
Kim Cochran-Graham		John Duggan
Jordan Curtis		Tyler Boyd
Jona Garrett		Frank Clark
Chairperson Shawn McKeehan		

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. **Approval of December 5, 2024, regular meeting minutes**

   The minutes of the December 8, 2024, regular meeting, were read and approved on motion by Jordan Curtis; seconded by Jona Garrett; vote – unanimous

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Discussion of historic overlay downtown**

   The Commission discussed the boundary of the proposed downtown historic overlay and made some changes to the properties included. The Commission also decided to hold an additional informational public meeting for the property owners in the proposed area. Staff will be working on finalizing the details of this meeting and on notifying owners that it will be taking place.

   MOTION: To host an informational meeting.

   MADE: Laura Lenoir
   SECOND: Timberly Guffey
   VOTE: Unanimous
   MOTION PASSED

Mrs. Cardin said if they have people, they want her to reach out to let her know and they will figure out a date from there, possibly 6:00 pm, downtown.

Chairperson McKeehan said they will draft a letter to send to all the residences and businesses that are located in the proposed district.

Mr. Curtis asked if Sweetwater's Main Street is in a Historic District.

Mr. Boyd said they have a Heritage Commercial Overlay. It's worded a little bit different. That term Heritage was adopted in the mid-80s.

Mrs. Cochran-Graham asked if this would affect the apartments that are in the proposed area.

Chairperson McKeehan said no.

There was a brief continuation about the boundaries of the proposed district.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Election of Officers**

The meeting was handed over to Mrs. Cardin for the Election of Officers.

Chairperson:
Jordan Curtis nominated Shawn McKeehan. Mrs. Cardin asked Mr. McKeehan if he was willing to serve and he said yes. All were in favor of Mr. McKeehan serving as Chairperson. None opposed.

Vice Chairperson:
Jordan Curtis nominated Laura Lenoir. Mrs. Cardin asked Mrs. Lenoir if she was willing to serve and she said yes. All were in favor or Mrs. Lenoir serving as Vice Chairperson. There were none opposed.

Secretary:
Jordan Curtis nominated Timberly Guffey. Mrs. Cardin asked Mrs. Guffey if she was willing to serve and she said yes. All were in favor of Mrs. Guffey serving as Secretary. There were none opposed.

2. **Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) request for Stephen and Rebekah Baker- 612 E. Madison Avenue- for replacement of siding on detached apartment.**

Mrs. Cardin said there is a detached guest house behind it. (She showed pics in the meeting) The front already had siding. They are removing all the vinyl siding on the rear and the two second-story elevations and matching it to the front. They could not be present because of work. They are basically removing vinyl siding and replacing it with wood siding that matches the front of the guest house.

MOTION: To approve the Certificate of Appropriateness.

MADE: Jordan Curtis
SECOND: Laura Lenoir
VOTE: Unanimous
MOTION PASSED

Shawn McKeehan, Chairperson

Timberly Guffey, Secretary