

MINUTES

ATHENS HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

MAY 1, 2025

5:30 P.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

Laura Lenoir
Timberly Guffey
Kim Cochran-Graham
Jordan Curtis
Jona Garrett
Chairperson Shawn McKeehan

MEMBERS ABSENT

Justin White

OTHERS ATTENDING

Nora Cardin
Anthony Casteel

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of April 3, 2025, regular meeting minutes.

The minutes of the April 3, 2025, regular meeting, were read and approved on motion by Laura Lenoir; seconded by Jordan Curtis; vote – unanimous

OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussion of historic overlay downtown.

Chairperson McKeehan opened the meeting up by welcoming all those in attendance and he also mentioned Dr. Tillner being on Zoom. She would be observing the meeting and would be available if needed to answer any questions or concerns they may have. He mentioned the list of benefits they received coming in. He said that since the last recommendation they narrowed the district. Property owners within the new proposed district were sent letters, as well as those who are on the outskirts that might be interested in being included. If they get sense from the meeting that there is broad support, they will move forward by recommending to the Planning Commission as they did with the last district. If not, they will take the concerns back and possibly reconfigure the district. He discussed the link to the Guidelines that was in the letter.

Chairperson McKeehan opened the floor to the public.

There was a lengthy question-and-answer session between the public and members of the Commission.

The meeting was adjourned.

Those who were in attendance: Joseph Gordon, Kelley Gordon, Thomas Coates, Kristin Coates, Deloyn McDonough, Stuart McKinney, Christian Medders, Mike Stevenson, Glen Whiting, Fred Burke, Richard Pupard, Sharon Johnson, Emmett Johnson, Lisa Mayfield, Scottie Mayfield, Julie McKeehan, David McKeehan, Tom Hamilton, Daniel Red, Hugh Willson, Keith Price, Joyce Price, Judith Hamilton, Beth Gandy, Jackie Newman, Larry Eaton, Patti Greek and James Greek.

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Shawn McKeehan, Chairperson

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Timberly Guffey, Secretary