

TOWN OF MAGNOLIA SPRINGS
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
TOWN HALL, MAGNOLIA SPRINGS, ALABAMA
May 7, 2015

The meeting was opened by Ken Underwood at 4:05 pm. Mr. Underwood also gave the invocation, and the pledge of allegiance was recited by the members.

Members Present:

Ken Underwood
Bob Stoddard
Rodney Hubble
David Houser

Members Absent:

John Cobb
Burt Hinson

After review, Mr. Hubble moved to approve the minutes of the April 2nd regular meeting, seconded by David Houser. Minutes approved by a voice vote.

The Commission had four COAs to consider. Discussion was held regarding each case, with the following results.

Case 2015-03 HERMES

Replacement of the fence which fronts Oak Street. Major work. Brick pillars with black metal fencing between. Approved

Case 2015-04 JUVENAL

Replacement of 23 windows. Major work. Owner encouraged to resubmit with windows of acceptable materials. Denied

Case 2015-05 INGRAM Repair of detached structure. Routine Maintenance. Approved.

Case 2015-06 PILOT Repair of porch railing and some screening of mechanical equipment beneath the raised home. Routine Maintenance. Approved

Mr. Stoddard presented an essay on the history of the Magnolia Springs Historic Preservation Commission for publication in the Town Website and in the

Community Association newsletter "River Talk". Members were asked to add or delete information or correct grammar. After several suggestions, the essay was amended and approved by the Commissioners.

Chairman Underwood and Mr. Stoddard reported on their attendance of a CAMP seminar in Mobile on Saturday, May 2nd. Both were complimentary of the presentation and came away

with good ideas for our own role in preserving Magnolia Springs history and conveying our story to citizens. The essay on the history of MSHPC is a part of that, and educating citizens about the early history of our town is another. Mr. Stoddard proposed reaching out to youth at the Magnolia Springs Library through a Power Point presentation, telling the story of the early days including the first settlers on Spanish Land grants, the old turpentine plantation worked by slaves, and the post- civil war development by Otis Lyman and Lizzie Breed.

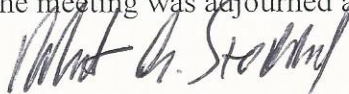
The Commission voted unanimously to request the Town Council to appoint Mr. Ross Houser to the Commission to replace the departing Donna Esslinger, and to reappoint David Houser and Bob Stoddard to additional three year terms.

David Houser reported progress in designing the information kiosk for Magnolia Landing. Some further design work needs to be done, and members will need to select photographs and write short description for them.

Chairman Underwood has assigned numbers to the various forms used with Certificates of Appropriateness, and presented rough drafts of the forms with the appropriate numbers on the bottom right. The Design Review Guidelines need to be amended so as to direct applicants to the proper form for their project.

Because several members will be unavailable on the first Thursday of June, the next regular meeting of the Magnolia Springs Historic Preservation Commission was set for Tuesday, June 2nd at 4:00 PM at the Town Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:27 PM.



Bob Stoddard,
Secretary



Ken Underwood,
Chairman