

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

Minutes

April 27th, 2021 | 6:00 P.M. | Waynesboro Public Works Building

Present: Emma Williams, Robin Schweitzer, Peggy White, Kim Arrington, Tommy Powell

Staff: Don Lively, Trinetta Skinner

Others present: Mike Walraven

The Waynesboro Historic Preservation Commission met 04-27-21 at 6:00PM.

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:04PM by Don Lively.
2. Review minutes from the previous meeting.

(No minutes from previous meeting)

- a. Motion to approve _____.
 - b. Second _____.
 - c. Approved Yes _____ No _____.
3. Old Business:
 - a. 538 S. Liberty Street. Don Lively informed the board that the building known as the old armory has been sold. The closing was delayed due to Covid. The new owners applied to the city to amend the zoning for the building and were approved for “conditional use”, still zoned commercial.
 - b. 607 N. Liberty Street (the old Waynesboro Emporium building). Don Lively informed the commission that the building is once again falling into disrepair with no new work having been done on the building for several years. Trinetta Skinner informed the commission that the city attorneys will be looking into it as well as other buildings in the downtown area.
 4. New Business:
 - a. Review of COAs issued so far in 2021. Don Lively went over each COA that was approved since January 1st, 2021. He provided the commission with a list of each project.
 - b. Dilapidated buildings. Don Lively informed the commission that he and Trinetta Skinner are researching an ordinance from the City of Cornelia, Georgia that addresses the issue of buildings that are abandoned, unused or dilapidated. Basically, the ordinance allows the city to begin taxing the property owners at a much higher rate than normal if the building owner is not repairing or attempting to sell or market the property. Revenues from the higher taxes would go directly toward community redevelopment.

- c. Election of new HPC chair and co-chair. Don Lively provided each commissioner with a ballot for Chair and Co-Chair of the HPC. Commissioners were asked to make their choices and to return the ballots to Don Lively as soon as possible. The new officers will take their positions at the next meeting, scheduled for May 25th, at 6PM.

5. Adjourn:

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 7:05PM