

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

Minutes

July 22nd, 2025 | 6:00 P.M. | Waynesboro City Hall

Present: Rob White, Peggy White, Rex Gerlinger, Tommy Powell, Kim Arrington,

Not Present: Steve Nix, Emma Williams

Staff: Don Lively, Shelley Broxton

Others Present: Jim White, Greg Bunn

The Waynesboro Historic Preservation Commission met on July 22nd 2025 at 6:00PM.

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:15PM by Chair Tommy Powell.
2. Review minutes from the previous meeting on May 27th, 2025.
 - a. Motion to approve by Rex Gerlinger.
 - b. Second Kim Arrington.
 - c. Approved Yes **X** No _____.
3. New Business:
 - a. 25-COA-01 / 821 Myrick Street. Jim White and Greg Bunn, representing the First Methodist Church of Waynesboro spoke to the commission about their request to demolish the two-story residence/house on the northeast corner of the church property. They reported that the house has fallen into bad repair on the interior and the exterior and that additionally, the sewer and septic system on the house has gone bad. The house has not been occupied or otherwise used for several years. The sewer and septic system is directly under where the church built a playground for the church school in recent years and the entire playground would need to be torn up to repair the system. The estimate for all of the repairs was in excess of \$150,000. The estimate to demolish the house is \$35,000. Mr. White and Mr. Bunn were encouraged by the commission to photograph as much of the building as possible and to try to save some of the architectural artifacts from the house prior to demolition. After the presentation, a motion was made by Commissioner Rex Gerlinger to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kim Arrington. The motion was approved unanimously.
 - b. 25-COA-SA-08 / 509 E. 7th Street. The owner of the property, Robert Johnson, requested approval to replace the old, damaged siding with new siding of a similar design. Don Lively staff approved the request.
 - c. 25-COA-SA-09 / 210 Pauline Jenkins Street. The owner of the property, Lacy Baker, requested approval to replace the old, damaged roofing material with new roofing material of the same or similar design. Don Lively staff approved the request.

4. Old Business:

- a. HPC Commissioner training. Don Lively informed the commission about a one-day training that is a part of the Georgia Downtown Conference, on Monday, August 25th, in Gainesville, GA. The training will certify attendees per Historic Preservation Commission guidelines. Commissioners were encouraged to try to attend.
- b. 25-COA-02 / 417 E. 7th Street. Shelley Broxton reported that the original approval request that was reviewed by the commission in May, presented by Gary Guyer, has been significantly changed. Based on those changes, a motion was made by Rex Gerlinger to rescind the approval for the project. Tommy Powell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Don Lively will make the notifications to Mr. Guyer.

5. Adjournment;

- a. Motion to adjourn by Rex Gerlinger\
- b. Second by Kim Arrington
- c. The meeting was adjourned by Chair Powell at 6:42PM.