



Randolph County Historic Landmark Preservation Commission

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January 27, 2015

The Randolph County Historic Landmark Preservation Commission (HLPC) met in the Meeting Room of the 1909 Historic Courthouse at 145 Worth Street, Asheboro, NC, and the meeting was called to order by Chairman Mac Whatley at 2:00 p.m. Members present were Mac Whatley, Chairman; Warren Dixon, Vice Chair; Nan Kemp; Lynne Qualls; Marsha Haithcock; Bill Ivey; and Bill Johnson. Fran Andrews and Robyn Hankins were absent. Ross Holt took the Oath of Office where so noted. (*Mac Whatley was appointed Chairman and Warren Dixon was appointed Vice Chairman by the Randolph County Board of Commissioners at their January 5, 2015, meeting. The HLPC Ordinance was also amended at this time.*)

Oath of Office

Chairman Whatley informed the Commissioner that the Randolph County Board of Commissioners had appointed Ross Holt to the HLPC to replace Hal Johnson as the County liaison. Clerk to the Commission Amanda Varner administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Holt.

Resignation

Chairman Whatley gave notification to the Commission that he had received the resignation of Fran Andrews from the HLPC due to the declining health of her husband.

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Dixon, seconded by Holt, the HLPC voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 25, 2014.

Addition to New Business Agenda

Chairman Whatley asked that the following item be added to the New Business Agenda:
3. *Historic Bell Dedication.*

Approve Amendment to the HLPC By-Laws and Rules of Procedure

Chairman Whatley stated that on January 5, 2014, the Randolph County Board of Commissioners amended the Ordinance creating the Historic Landmark Preservation Commission. Due to those amendments, the HLPC needed to make an amendment to the By-Laws and Rules of Procedures, Article VI, Section 4, as follows: Randolph County Planning Department amended to read Randolph County Public Library with the Assistance of the Randolph County Planning Department.

On motion of Ivey, seconded by Haithcock, the HLPC voted unanimously to approve the amendment to Article VI, Section 4 of the HLPC By-Laws and Rules of Procedure.

Discussion of Plans and Opportunities for the HLPC

Chairman Whatley said the Commission would be looking at sites already on the National Register to make sure they are also recognized as local landmarks. Acme-McCrary Hosiery was added to the National Register August 2014.

Ms. Qualls asked about the initial inventory list that was discussed at early meetings and urged the Commission to continue to find ways to promote the history of Randolph County and educate citizens. Mr. Whatley said that the Director of the Tourism Development Authority Tammy O’Kelley had asked to make a presentation to the HLPC at a future meeting so she can discuss ways to promote the local historic landmarks. He added that with the loss of news media coverage in the area the Commission needs to look at other ways to inform the citizens. An increase in social media presence was suggested. Ms. Qualls said there is a lot of expertise on the HLPC and suggested going back to a grass root effort and maybe get out in communities to educate citizens. Mr. Whatley added that the addition of the Library as part of the HLPC staff will be a huge resource for helping educate citizens.

Mr. Holt thanked Mr. Hal Johnson, the Board of Commissioners and the HLPC on behalf of the Library for the confidence they put in the staff to see the HLPC into the future.

Historic Bell Dedication

Chairman Whatley recognized Guy Troy, who had made the request for the move. Mr. Troy said he would like to speak on behalf of the citizens and thank the HLPC for their continued work on keeping the history of the county alive.

Chairman Whatley asked everyone to make their way to the first floor lobby for the dedication of the 1838 Belfry Bell.

Adjournment

At 2:17 p.m., on motion of Johnson, seconded by Dixon, the HLPC voted unanimously to adjourn.

Mac Whatley, Chairman

Amanda Varner, Clerk to the HLPC

Chairman Whatley gave a brief statement of importance of the bell and the relocation to the Historic Courthouse lobby. He thanked the Randolph County Maintenance staff for their work on building the display and moving the bell. County Board of Commissioner Darrell Frye spoke and thanked all those who had a part in the relocation and thanked the HLPC for all the work they do in preserving Randolph County history. Chairman Whatley presented Mr. Troy with a framed copy of the Resolution of Support the HLPC had approved in November.