

Approved 05/05/2016

**Union County Historic Preservation Commission
Regular Meeting
February 4, 2016**

The Union County Historic Preservation Commission held a regular meeting on Thursday, February 4, 2016 at 1:30 pm in the Heritage Room located in the historic Union County Courthouse, Monroe, North Carolina.

Present: Crystal Crump, John Dickerson, Melvin Faris, Dale Loberger,
Steven Long, Barbara Moore
Also Present: Mary Lou Gamble, Staff; Virginia Bjorlin

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Barbara Moore, Vice-Chairman.

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Moore asked if there were additions or corrections to the minutes of the November 5, 2015 meeting. There were none. Mr. Faris moved the minutes be approved. Mr. Long seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Financial Report

The financial report was presented showing the ending balance as of February 4. Mrs. Gamble noted that the appropriation of \$3,000.00 from the City of Monroe for the second quarter for the 2015-2016 budget is recorded on the report. Union County uses direct deposit so it will be listed on the next BB&T bank statement. The financial report was accepted.

Old Business

At Mrs. Moore's request, Mrs. Gamble reported that the Monroe City Council held a public hearing on Tuesday, January 5, 2016 at six o'clock in order for the Union County Historic Preservation Commission to recommend two properties for designation. The properties were the Monroe Bank & Trust Building (Arts Council Building), ca. 1919, 102 North Main Street, Monroe, NC 28112, owned by the City of Monroe and the Payne-Vann-Loberger House, ca. 1878, 502 South Washington Street, Monroe, NC 28112, owned by Dale Loberger. At that time, the Council adopted Ordinances for each property – including the building/house, grounds, and significant interior features – designating it as a “Historic Landmark”. Dr. Jerry Surratt, Barbara Moore, John Dickerson, and Dale Loberger attended the meeting.

Mrs. Moore presented pictures of the B. H. Walters House, 212 South Elm Street in Marshville, NC. Ms. E. Joy Little, owner, has presented an Application for Designation. Mrs. Moore also presented information about the Walters family that has been acquired through research and from daughter Sarah Lou Walters Collins.

Using the point system, Commission members proceeded with an evaluation of the property. Each of the Categories was discussed and rated; Category 1, "Integrity of Architectural Design" and Category 2, "Integrity of Materials" drew a great deal of discussion because of the panels that were used to enclose the porch – evidently prior to 1990 when the *Sweet Union* book was published. The total points were 31, less than the minimum of 32 required to proceed with designation. If the panels were removed, the total points would increase at least to 41.

Mr. Dickerson suggested that a copy of the evaluation form be sent to Ms. Little. Mr. Long made a motion that a letter be written by Mrs. Gamble on behalf of the Commission to advise Ms. Little, the owner of the property, that it did not receive the number of points for designation but with certain alterations to the workmanship it could receive enough points to be designated. Mr. Faris seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

New Business

Mrs. Moore said that the Commission has not received enough information needed to discuss and evaluate the Heath-Williamson-Neal House, ca. 1874, 601 South Church Street, Monroe, NC, owned by Taura and Matthew DeForrest will be postponed until other information is received. A special meeting will be called if needed.

Other Business

There was no other business for discussion.

Mr. Dickerson motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Long seconded the motion. The vote carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Crystal Crump, Secretary