

Union County Historic Preservation Commission
Regular Meeting
October 3, 2013

The Union County Historic Preservation Commission held a regular meeting on Thursday, October 3, 2013, at 1:30 pm in the Heritage Room located in the historic Union County Courthouse, Monroe, North Carolina.

Present: Dr. Jerry Surratt, Barbara Moore, Danny Stegall, Jane Ellickson, John Dickerson
Absent: Crystal Crump, Dale Loberger, Chip Long
Also Present: Mary Lou Gamble, Staff; Craig Fox, Facilities Division Manager, Union County

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Jerry Surratt, Chairman. Dr. Surratt welcomed Mr. Craig Fox, Facilities Division Manager, Union County. Mr. Fox said that he is developing a plan that will insure the perpetual care of the historic courthouse. He added that there are funds in the County Budget to hire an architect who will make a study that will identify the needed renovations and the utilization of space. He asked Commission members to suggest specific areas in the building that need attention. Mrs. Gamble said that the courtroom needs major repairs and the establishment of a museum remains a prime concern. He said that he will present the proposal to the Board of Commissioners. When the plan is approved, he would like for members of the Historic Preservation Commission to help with the selection of an architect.

Dr. Surratt thanked Mr. Fox for presenting the plan he is developing for the preservation of the historic courthouse, and asked him to keep the Preservation Commission informed about the progress.

Approval of Minutes

Dr. Surratt asked if there were additions or corrections to the minutes of the September 5, 2013 meeting. There were none. Mrs. Moore made motion that the minutes be approved. Mrs. Ellickson seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Financial Report

Mrs. Gamble said that a request will be sent to the City of Monroe and Union County for the first quarter allotments for the 2014 budget. The financial report was presented and approved unanimously.

Old Business

Dr. Surratt said that he wrote a letter regarding the widening of the Old Charlotte Highway and the impact it will have on the Rock Store in Stallings, which is a designated property. The letter was sent to Mr. Elmo Vance, Project Development Unit, at the North Carolina Department of Transportation in Raleigh. A copy of the letter was sent to other DOT officials, Mr. John Underwood, District Engineer in Monroe and Mr. Richard Hancock, District Engineer in Albemarle. A copy of a letter dated January 12, 1998 from Joe Lesch, Union County Planning Department, to the Union County Board of Commissioners and the County Manager was enclosed. At that time, Mr. Lesch described the historic significance of the Rock Store, and stated that it would be reasonable to widen the road on the east side of the road. The project is still in the early stages

Dr. Surratt said that Mr. Loberger is preparing a letter that will be presented to the Union County Board of Commissioners regarding future exhibits in the historic courthouse.

At this time, there are no Applications for Certificates of Appropriateness.

New Business

Dr. Surratt stated that a new Resolution establishing meeting dates for the Historic Preservation Commission has been prepared. Mrs. Moore drafted the following resolution to modify the current meeting schedule:

RESOLUTION

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Union County Historic Preservation Commission hereby adopts the following meeting dates in conformance with Section 2.6 of the Establishing Ordinance of the Union County Historic Preservation Commission:

*First Thursday - February - 1:30 pm
First Thursday - May - 1:30 pm
First Thursday - August - 1:30 pm
First Thursday - November - 1:30 pm*

The meetings will be held in the Heritage Room located in the historic Union County Courthouse, 300 North Main Street, Monroe, NC, unless special notice is given.

Mr. Dickerson made a motion that the Resolution be approved. Mr. Stegall seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous. The resolution, adopted this 3rd day of October, 2013 was signed by Dr. Surratt.

Other Business

Mrs. Gamble gave a report on staff activities.

1- A letter and a copy of the "Designation Procedures Manual has been sent to Linn Garibaldi. Mr. Garibaldi had contacted Mrs. Crump in to inquire about designating his property. There has been no response.

2- Mr. Pat Turner has been contacted about applying for a seat on the Historic Preservation Commission.

Mr. Mike Duke, owner of the Coca Cola Building, will be contacted. Mr. Stegall's term will expire in December, 2013.

3- Two letters from Federal Communications Commission about building towers.

Dr. Surratt noted that the Commission has not received an Application for Designation in some time. Mr. Dickerson suggested reviewing study lists that have been prepared and are on file to see if there are properties eligible for designation. A list will be prepared and included with the notice for the next meeting.

Dr. Surratt announced that the next meeting will be November 7, 2013.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectively submitted,

Jerry Surratt, Ph.D.
Chairman