

Acworth Historic Preservation Commission
Special Called Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 12, 2009
CR-2 Acworth City Hall
5:30 p.m.

Members Present:

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| Elisha Plumley, Chairman | Sallie Loy |
| Maureen Bretherton | Kim Wigington |

Members Absent:

Heather Hibbon

Others Present:

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| Amanda Sutter | Alderman Richardson | Marian Williams |
| Abbie Parks | Boyd Parks | Tom Bretherton |

I. Call to Order: Chairman Plumley called the meeting to order at 5:27p.m. and noted that a quorum was present.

II. Public Comments: None

III. Discussion of Application for a COA – 4671 Collins Avenue
Ms. Sutter stated that an application has been received from Ms. Abbie Parks at 4671 Collins Avenue, which is included in the agenda packet for the board's review. Ms. Sutter reported that a Public Hearing has been scheduled and advertised for Wednesday, May 20, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. Ms. Sutter stated that Ms. Parks is in attendance to provide information needed by the board. Following discussion by the board a motion was made by Ms. Loy to approve the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness submitted by Ms. Parks for 4671 Collins Avenue. Ms. Wigington seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

IV. Consideration of J. Whitney's application for service on HPC – There was consensus among the board to recommend Ms. Joann Whitney's application to serve on the board. A motion was made by Ms. Loy to recommend Ms. Whitney's application for service on the HPC board for the Mayor and Board of Aldermen's consideration of approval. Ms. Bretherton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

V. Discussion of Plaques for Historic Buildings – Ms. Sutter stated that the committee recommended purchasing a generic 11" x 8" National Registry Plaque for the contributing historic properties. Ms. Bretherton made a motion for the purchase and installation of the 11" x 8" National Registry Plaques for historic properties not to exceed \$4,000. Ms. Loy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Chairman Plumley requested staff to inform the board how many plaques the board will be able to purchase once the cost is finalized.

VI. Director's Comments – Ms. Sutter informed the board that a letter was received from the Cobb Landmarks & Historical Society, Inc. concerning the Rosenwald School. Ms. Sutter stated that the letter requested the Acworth HPC to consider designating the Rosenwald School as a local historical landmark. Ms. Parks informed the board that the National Register is in the process at the State however, the board can take the information and apply to the local level. Staff will coordinate the information with Cobb Landmarks Society. A motion was made by Ms. Bretherton to place the Rosenwald School in a local district as a local historical landmark. Chairman Plumley seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

VII. Board Members' Comments: - A motion was made by Ms. Bretherton to change the regularly scheduled HPC Meeting time from 6:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. effective at the Thursday, May 28, 2009 meeting. Ms. Loy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

VIII. Public Comments: Mr. Tom Bretherton, DDA Liaison, presented information on a "Hand-On" Workshop sponsored by the Georgia DCA. Mr. Bretherton stated that he has participated in these workshops in the past. Mr. Bretherton explained that the workshops cover topics such as Historic Masonry and Techniques, Woodworking and Windows, and a Walking Tour of the downtown. Mr. Bretherton stated that the program is in need of financial assistance to continue offering the workshop through the State of Georgia. Mr. Bretherton requested HPC to consider partnering with DDA to host a workshop in Acworth. The Board agreed the workshop would be a productive project for both DDA and HPC and beneficial not only to the Main Street Designation Program but also for the downtown merchants. The Board requested staff to contact DCA to obtain a proposed budget to host the workshop in the fall 2009.

The Board also discussed hosting an African American History workshop but agreed it would be best to keep it separate from the "Hands-On" workshop.

Staff will contact Mandy Elliott with the Cobb HPC to inquire if funds are still available from the grant monies for the workshop held in March.

Ms. Parks informed the board that Sprayberry High School is hosting a Saturday History Academy beginning this fall for Cobb County High School students.

IX. Adjournment - Chairman Plumley adjourned the meeting at 6:16 p.m.