

Minutes
Union County Historic Preservation Commission
May 5, 2009

The Union County Historic Preservation Commission met at 3:30 on Tuesday, May 5, 2009, in the Heritage Room at the historic Union County Courthouse, Monroe, North Carolina.

Present: Virginia Bjorlin, Chairman; Al Diehl, Vice-Chairman; Emmy Lou Haywood, Secretary; John Dickerson, Treasurer; Sis Dillon, Carolyn Funderburk, Danny Stegall

Absent: Margaret Bivens, Brad Hudson, Charles Williams

Also Present: Mary Lou Gamble, Harriett Moore; and Ann Rushing and Lisa Thompson from the City of Monroe Planning Department.

Mrs. Bjorlin welcomed Ann Rushing and Lisa Thompson. Ms. Rushing noted that she is responsible for the eastern part of the South Monroe Historic District and Ms. Thompson is responsible for the recent addition of the western area.

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Bjorlin asked if there were any corrections or additions to the March minutes. Mr. Stegall made the motion to approve the March minutes. Ms. Haywood seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously by the commission.

Financial Report

Mrs. Bjorlin made a correction to the bank balance reported at the March meeting. The correct balance was \$6,456.60. Mrs. Gamble reported that the third quarter appropriation has been received from Union County.

Unfinished Business

Mrs. Bjorlin reported that the public hearing for the designation of the Edward Crow House, 1906 Weddington Road, Monroe, NC 28112; owners Panagiotis and Ginia Polyzos, was held April 7 and the Monroe City Council adopted the ordinance declaring the property an historic landmark.

A letter has been received from the Union County legal staff requesting more information before a public hearing can be scheduled for designation of the Hamilton Marsh House, 1113 Highway 205, Marshville, NC 28103; owners William M. and Patricia S. Potter.

Mrs. Bjorlin mentioned that the Old National Guard Armory Community Center meeting room is being utilized more and more. It was recently announced that a grant will be submitted for funds to renovate the unfinished areas of the Armory.

Mrs. Bjorlin announced that she would not be a candidate for Chairman of the Historic Preservation Commission in September, 2009. She has served 13 years and her term will expire in 2010.

Consideration of Applications

Information needed for the consideration of the Application of Certificate of Appropriateness for renovations at the R. J. Belk Building in Waxhaw, NC, was received and dated April 30, 2009. The owner of the building is the Waxhaw Women's Club. The application will be considered at the June meeting after the Waxhaw Planning Board reviews the plans. Mrs. Bjorlin mentioned that she had questions concerning the color of the brick and the tile to be used in the kitchen.

New Business

Mrs. Bjorlin presented photographs of the Stallings United Methodist Church, circa 1920, for the commission members to review. Using the point system, the commission evaluated the significance of the property and deemed it worthy for designation. Mr. Stegall made the motion to begin the designation procedure. Mr. Diehl seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mrs. Bjorlin said that Indian Trail had given \$1,000 a year for the past several years to the Preservation Commission. Mrs. Dillon will represent the Historic Preservation Commission at their budget hearing May 7.

Mrs. Bjorlin noted that the Monroe Wholesale Hardware/Allen Overall building had recently been bought by a developer from Gastonia, NC who is planning residential units on the upper level and retail stores and restaurants on the ground floor.

Mrs. Bjorlin passed out a history of the Preservation Commission to the members and asked them to review and suggest any changes before the June meeting. Mrs. Bjorlin plans to post the history on a website.

The next meeting will be June 2 at 3:30 p.m. in the Heritage Room.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted

Virginia Bjorlin
Chairman