

Minutes
Union County Historic Preservation Commission
December 2, 2008

The Union County Historic Preservation Commission met at 3:30 on Tuesday, December 2, 2008, at the Belk Mansion, 401 South Hayne Street, Monroe, North Carolina.

Present: Virginia Bjorlin, Chairman; Al Diehl, Vice Chairman; Carolyn Funderburk, Danny Stegall, Brad Hudson, Jerry Surratt, Charles Williams

Absent: John Dickerson, Treasurer; Emmy Lou Haywood, Secretary; Margaret Bivens

Also Present: Sis Dillon, Mary Lou Gamble, Harriett Moore, Rose Chin

Meeting Called to Order

Mrs. Bjorlin thanked Rose Chin, owner of the Belk House for her hospitality. Brochures and business cards explaining events offered at the Belk Mansion were given out to Commission members.

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Bjorlin asked if there were any changes to the November minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously by the Commission.

Financial Report

The financial report was presented and there were no questions regarding the report.

Report of Committees

Regarding the museum, Mrs. Bjorlin reported that there was still no word from Westlake about scheduling. Matthew Delk, Assistant County Manager, attended the November meeting to present information about the current status of the contract with Westlake and the uncertainty of when the money will be released. Mrs. Bjorlin reminded the Commission to continue to talk about the museum so a volunteer list can be established. She also mentioned that the timing of the capital campaign will be crucial to the museum.

Unfinished Business

At its November 18 meeting, the Monroe City Council approved the extension of the South Monroe Historic District. Mrs. Bjorlin has requested a map showing the perimeters from the Planning Department to keep on file in the Heritage Room.

Mrs. Bjorlin attended the dedication of the Old Armory Community Center, 500 South Johnson Street, on November 17. She noted that Jack Lawson attended the dedication and should be interviewed for the Heritage Room. He was 16 years old when he helped with the construction of the old Armory.

Mrs. Bjorlin noted that one-third of the Armory has been renovated and is spacious and bright. The remaining space is cleared but is not ready for use. She invited the Commission members to visit the Armory to see the improvements.

Mrs. Bjorlin said that she called Tim Ahlers, owner of the John E. Efird house, 408 Lancaster Avenue, today regarding the completion of the brick work on the garage. Mr. Ahlers said that his other work was priority at this time and he would complete it as soon as possible.

Consideration of Designations

Jason Harpe has finished the architectural descriptions for the Survey and Research Reports for **The Edward Crow House**, 1906 Weddington Road, Monroe, NC and **The Hamilton Marsh House**, 1113 Highway 205, Marshville, NC. Mrs. Bjorlin said that the research for the historical sketches for both properties has been interesting; trying to trace past owners of the properties has been difficult.

New Business

Mrs. Bjorlin read the Donor Deed of Gift form to the Commission members and asked for any comments or changes in the wording. Mr. Diehl moved to adopt the Donor Deed of Gift form as written. Dr. Surratt seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

The Historic Commission has received an invitation to the Charlotte Regional History Consortium networking social to be held December 11. Mrs. Bjorlin said she would plan to go and invited Commission members to attend.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be January 6, 2009 at 3:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Bjorlin
Chairman