

**Minutes**  
**Union County Historic Preservation Commission**  
**March 3, 2009**

The Union County Historic Preservation Commission met at 3:30 on Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at the Armory Community Center, Monroe, North Carolina.

Present: Virginia Bjorlin, Chairman; Al Diehl, Vice-Chairman; Emmy Lou Haywood, Secretary; Carolyn Funderburk, Dr. Jerry Surratt, Margaret Bivens

Absent: Brad Hudson, John Dickerson, Danny Stegall, Charles Williams

Also Present: Mary Lou Gamble, Harriett Moore

Commission members toured the renovated part of the center and viewed the uncompleted area before Mrs. Bjorlin called the meeting to order.

**Approval of Minutes**

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

**Financial Report**

Due to inclement weather, the Heritage Room was closed on Monday, March 2; therefore, Mrs. Gamble was unable to prepare the financial report for the meeting. Mrs. Bjorlin reported a balance of \$17,788.94. Mrs. Bjorlin reported that budget hearings are coming up and requests to the County will need to be completed. The request to the City was sent.

**Unfinished Business**

Mrs. Bjorlin said that the two Survey & Research Reports mailed to Archives on January 21 have been returned and were approved. The dates for the public hearing for the **Edward-Crow House**, 1906 Weddington Road, Monroe, NC will be scheduled by the City. The County will schedule the public hearing date for the **Hamilton-Marsh House**, 1113 Highway 205, Marshville, NC.

Concerning the possible designation of the Neese Apartments, Mrs. Bjorlin said there is a question as to when the building was constructed. Mr. Paul Fomberg was in Monroe on February 23, to see other area properties, but did not get to see the Neese Apartments.

Mrs. Bjorlin reported that terms on the Historic Preservation Commission for Brad Hudson and Dr. Jerry Surratt have expired. Both of these members are eligible for re-appointment. She asked Lynn West, Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners, to send application forms to Sis Dillon and Barbara Moore. Emmy Lou Haywood and John Dickerson's terms will expire in the fall. Mrs. Bjorlin asked Mrs. Gamble to call Brad Hudson and encourage her to apply for reappointment.

#### **Consideration of Applications**

Mrs. Bjorlin mentioned that she had reviewed a copy of the Application of Certificate of Appropriateness used by the City of Wilmington, NC. She suggested that this commission might want to consider making changes in the procedures that we presently use such as requiring applicants to do more research about the history of the property and provide a list of their adjacent property owners when they submit an application to the Historic Preservation Commission. Dr. Surratt suggested that the applicant be given guidelines – perhaps a copy of a previous Survey & Research Report form – to follow when doing their research.

#### **New Business**

Mrs. Funderburk presented a proposal to the commission concerning the Rock Store in Stallings, NC. The tenant would like to install a wooden screen door on the main front door of the building. There is an existing screen door on the back door of the building. Dr. Surratt noted that as long as the new screen door is consistent with the character of the building that an Application of Certificate of Appropriateness should not be necessary. Dr. Surratt made a motion to approve the installation of the screen door without an application. Mr. Diehl seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mrs. Bjorlin commented about ways the Armory Community Center can be used and introduced the Center's Director, Hope Tanner. The facility is now used for After School Programs and tutoring sessions. Hope explained projected plans for use of the restored areas.

#### **Adjournment**

The next meeting will be April 7 at 3:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Bjorlin  
Chairman

[The meeting of April 7 was not held due to lack of a quorum]