

**Minutes**  
**Union County Historic Preservation Commission**  
**2 November 2010**

The Union County Historic Preservation Commission met at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 2, 2010, in the Heritage Room at the historic Union County Courthouse, Monroe, North Carolina.

Present: Virginia Bjorlin, Sis Dillon, Charles Williams, Danny Stegall,  
Brad Hudson, Carolyn Funderburk

Absent: Dr. Jerry Surratt, Jane Ellickson

Also Present: Mary Lou Gamble, Harriett Moore

Mrs. Bjorlin announced that Al Diehl, Chairman has sent a letter of resignation to the Union County Commissioners as notification of his resignation from the Historic Preservation Commission. The Review Committee for the Monroe City Council is to consider Dale Loberger's application for appointment to the Historic Preservation Commission when they meet on November 16. Mrs. Bjorlin mentioned that John Dickerson plans to file an application with the Union County Board of Commissioners for appointment to the Historic Preservation Commission.

**Approval of Minutes**

Mrs. Bjorlin asked if there were any additions or corrections to the October minutes. Mrs. Hudson made a motion to approve the minutes. Mrs. Dillon seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**Financial Report**

Mrs. Gamble noted that appropriations from the City of Monroe and Union County have been received for the first quarter. There were no outstanding expenses incurred this month. The financial report was approved and filed.

**Report of Committees**

Mrs. Bjorlin said that the grant application to the Union County Foundation for the Carolinas was rejected. The Historic Preservation Commission applied for a \$2,500 grant to be used for exhibits in the historic courthouse. Mrs. Bjorlin added that another grant may be written at a later date.

**Unfinished Business**

Mrs. Bjorlin said that the Historic Preservation Commission has not heard from the Union County Board of Commissioner's concerning the statement of reservations about the proposed Monument to the Confederate Pensioners of Color that was sent to the Union County Legal Department in September.

**Consideration of Applications**

Mrs. Bjorlin said that, today, she and Paul Fromberg, Senior Preservation Specialist, North Carolina Department of Archives, had visited the Charles Icesman House, 900 W. Franklin Street, circa 1911 and the Unionville Methodist Church, 4700 Unionville Road. The owners of these properties, Mr. and Mrs. Macon Griffin and officials from the church have applied respectively for designation of each property.

Mrs. Bjorlin asked the commission members to refer to the evaluation forms that were included with their handouts. Using the point system, members discussed each item and the total number of points exceeded the requirements for designation of the Charles Icesman House. Mr. Stegall motioned to begin the designation procedure for the Icesman House. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Bjorlin and the commission members then evaluated the historic significance of Unionville Methodist Church using the same point system. This property has been altered on the exterior with vinyl siding which may affect the designation of the property. Mrs. Hudson moved to approve the property for designation contingent upon recommendation from Mr. Fromberg's decision about whether the property is acceptable for designation. Mrs. Dillon seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Mrs. Bjorlin noted that Mr. Jason Harpe and Mr. Sidney Halma, both architectural historians have prepared architectural reports for the Historic Preservation Commission in the past. Mrs. Dillon moved to hire Mr. Halma to prepare the report for the Charles Icesman House. Mr. Williams seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

The next meeting will be held December 7<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 p.m. in the Heritage Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Sis Dillon  
Secretary/Treasurer

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