

Minutes
Union County Historic Preservation Commission
June 2, 2009

The Union County Historic Preservation Commission met at 3:30 on Tuesday, June 2, 2009 in the Heritage Room at the historic Union County Courthouse, Monroe, North Carolina.

Present: Virginia Bjorlin, Chairman; John Dickerson, Treasurer; Emmy Lou Haywood, Secretary; Sis Dillon, Carolyn Funderburk, Danny Stegall, Brad Hudson, Margaret Bivens

Also Present: Mary Lou Gamble, Harriett Moore and representing the Waxhaw Women's Club were Donna Gamble-Thorne, Judy Simpson Cook and Bruce Keith, Architect.

Absent: Charles Williams, Al Diehl

Mrs. Bjorlin called the meeting to order and Mrs. Thorne, Mrs. Cook, Mr. Keith and Mr. Stegall were sworn in.

Approval of Minutes

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

Financial Report

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

Unfinished Business

Mrs. Bjorlin reported that the information regarding the Hamilton-Marsh House, 1113 Highway 205, Marshville, NC, was delivered to the Union County Legal Department Thursday, May 28. The County Commissioners should hopefully set a date for the public hearing soon.

Consideration of Applications

Mrs. Bjorlin said that the Waxhaw Planning Board has approved the addition of a kitchen to the R.J. Belk Building, 200 E. South Main Street, Waxhaw, NC 28173. After discussion and review of the site plan, Mr. Dickerson made the motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for the addition that was submitted by the Waxhaw Woman's Club, owner of the building, on April 30, 2009. Mrs. Bivens seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

New Business

Mrs. Bjorlin said that the Disabled American Veterans have submitted a proposal to sell pavers to honor veterans as a fundraising project. They want to place the pavers on the walkways around the historic courthouse. In order to match the existing pavers around the courthouse which have been in place since 1986, Mr. Dickerson suggested that the DAV should submit specifications as to the quality of the pavers and a color sample. Although the idea does have merit, there was concern from some commission members about placing the pavers around the courthouse since the current pavers have been placed so well. Mrs. Dillon said there should be a long-range plan in place about memorials placed on the courthouse square. Mrs. Hudson and Mr. Stegall both suggested that the plaza area in front of the Government Center and the Judicial Center may be more appropriate since it is a higher traffic area, the pavers would be more visible to the public.

Mrs. Bjorlin mentioned that she had sent a letter to the Enquirer Journal in response to misleading statements in the May 16 article concerning the establishment of an historic commission in Waxhaw. Waxhaw has passed an ordinance creating their own historic preservation commission. Mrs. Bjorlin stated that it is unclear how it will affect properties previously designated as historic by the Union County Historic Preservation Commission and that she has contacted Alda Cassidy at NC Archives in Raleigh requesting what guidelines we should follow.

The next meeting will be July 7 at 3:30 pm in The Heritage Room.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Bjorlin
Chairman