

Montevallo Historic Preservation Commission

October 2, 2018

Minutes

Members present: W. Glosson, S. Godwin, H. G. McGaughy, M. Nix, J. Seaman, S. Vallides and M. Walker

Members absent: K. Dukes, M. Goggins, M. Walker

Meeting site: Parnell Library

Meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m.

Old Business

The minutes from the September 4, 2018 meeting were read. S. Vallides made a motion to accept minutes as presented; S. Godwin seconded; motion passed.

J. Seaman reported that David Schneider has all of the information needed to complete the documentation for application for the National Register.

New Business

Chad Scroggins had been designated as Shelby County's choice for engineer/project director of the repair and stabilization project at the Mahler House. J. Seaman and Marty Evers met with Mr. Scroggins on September 24th to go over his assessment and details for the scope of the work to be performed. Phillip Crunk and two additional engineers by the names of Patrick and Todd were also in attendance. The group discussed tackling the project in phases rather than one big lump bid. The first phase would include the structural problems that would cover the foundation, attachment of gutters, rotting wood on the exterior of home, paint, replacing the crumbling porch, and any other repairs needed to stabilize the structure. Phase two would be the mechanical stage including the HVAC, plumbing and electrical. The third phase of the project would encompass the "finishes" on the inside of the home. It was also reported by Mr. Scroggins that the HVAC was not currently running in the home and that, it appears, the system isn't working at all and could cause further damage to the interior of the home.

The group walked the exterior of the home and Mr. Scroggins said that he had asked the city to have someone come out to the property to cut back the shrubbery around the house. He also stated that D. Woodham had forwarded the group a copy of the Psalms Construction bid that the MHPC had prepared and the group was enthusiastic and impressed with the work the company had submitted.

The Commission discussed the problem of finding space to store historical archives. The library is out of shelf and storage space so that is not an option. Members concurred that the old kitchen/utility space at the Mahler home could be easily renovated to meet the security, humidity and temperature control

requirements for storing records. The commission will also need to set policies regarding what the City would be able to accept as historical records/archives. The Commission also discussed the importance of limiting submissions to historical records of the city. Church records and University records may need to be excluded unless they are directly related to City historical events. The Commission will continue discussion of the aspects of record storage at a later meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by S. Vallides; M. Nix seconded; motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.