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**Joint Historic Preservation Commission August 29,
2023 at 4:00 PM
SPECIAL MEETING
Cooperative Extension Conference Room**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

- I. **WELCOME:** Mr. John Koury called the meeting to order at 4:00PM. Ms. Ellen Harris, Ms. Marcy Thompson, Ms. Geralyn Connell, Mr. Andrew Wing, Ms. Nikki Ransdell, Ms. Nicole Bentley, and Ms. Katherine Buzby were present. A quorum was present.
- II. **ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING:** The Commission briefly discussed officer positions that were to be reappointed. Ms. Harris moved to elect Mr. Koury as Chair. Ms. Thompson seconded the motion. All present members voted in favor and the motion carried. Ms. Thompson moved to elect Mr. Wing as Vice Chair. Ms. Ransdell seconded the motion. All present members voted in favor and the motion carried. Mr. Koury moved to elect Ms. Buzby as secretary and Ms. Ransdell seconded the motion. All present members voted in favor and the the motion carried.
- III. **PUBLIC COMMENT** (15-minute time limit. Speakers are limited to three minutes.)
There were no public comments.
- IV. **AGENDA MODIFICATIONS**
There were no proposed agenda modifications.
- V. **CONSENT AGENDA**
 - A. Minutes (July 11, 2023): The Commission briefly discussed the minutes. Ms. Bentley requested a correction be made to her name. Ms. Buzby moved to approve the minutes with the correction. Mr. Koury seconded the the motion. All present members voted in favor and the motion carried.
- VI. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. The Red House: Mr. Koury informed the Commission he conducted a site visit to the Red House. It was his opinion that the structure is the historically significant portion of the property. He did not see and issue with the homeowners installing an in-ground pool on an unused section of the grounds. The rest of the Commission concurred. It was decided that staff would request the homeowners to turn a Certificate of Appropriateness Application to establish a precedent for this type of improvement request.

B. Paint Color Guidelines: Staff informed the Commission that NC's Historic Preservation Office does not recommend regulating paint colors for the exterior of historic properties. Staff also showed several historic districts like Ablemarle and Montford, who also do not regulate paint colors. Ms. Harris agreed with this assessment. Mr. Parrish stated he would like the JHPC to take an educational stance instead of regulatory for paint colors. The commission decided they will advise homeowners on historically appropriate paint when the apply for COA's in the future.

C. The Inn at Brevard: The Commission briefly discussed the difficulties the properties owners had faced when trying to replaced a damaged capital on the exterior columns. Mr. Wing said he will look into artisans that specialize in this type of work and will reach out to property owners with the information.


VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Staff Report: Ms. Minery provided the Staff Report to the Commission. She informed the JHPC of CLG Training Requirements and due dates. She also discussed hosting a CLG Training for SHPO next year. Staff also reached out to the Bryant House and Baggerly House owners to inquire about the progress of their applications and Reports. The Bryant House report is being finalized and should be submitted to the Planning Department soon. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday November 14, 2023 at 4:00PM.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT (15-minute time limit. Speakers are limited to three minutes.)
There were no public comments.

IX. COMMISSIONER MEMBERS' COMMENTS: Ms. Harris mentioned buildings in downtown needing pressure washing. Ms. Bentley informed the JHPC the Heart of Brevard had pressure washing contacts that specialized in historic properties and administered grants for those projects like exterior maintenance. Mr. Koury recently presented JHPC's annual report to County Commissioners and reminded them of the tax deferral program for locally designated properties. Ms. Thompson also informed the JHPC that 4 Mills Ave is currently for sale. Ms. Thompson moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Ransdell seconded the motion. All present members voted in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 5:01PM.


Katherine Buzby, Secretary


Ashley Minery, Planner