



REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, June 16, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

Commissioners' Public Meeting Room
Dade County Government Administrative Building
71 Case Avenue, Room 259
Trenton, Georgia 30752

MINUTES

This document is tentative until ratified and approved by the Historic Preservation Commission; and therefore shall not be binding on the county or any officer.

Scheduled date for ratification: July 21, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairperson Audrey Clark called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL ~ COMMISSION MEMBERS

Donna Street, Chairperson	ABSENT	County Representative
Audrey Clark, Vice Chair	PRESENT	City Representative
Rex Blevins	PRESENT	County Representative
Sarah Moore	PRESENT	County Representative
Cindy Richie	PRESENT	City Representative

Vice Chairperson Audrey Clark announced a quorum of Commission members present, and therefore a legal meeting was called to order and in session.

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Ted Rumley, County Executive	ABSENT	<i>Ex-officio member for Dade County</i>
Alex Case, Mayor of Trenton	ABSENT	<i>Ex-officio member for City of Trenton</i>

COUNTY STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Don Townsend, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners	PRESENT
Carey Fauscett-Anderson, County Public Information Officer	PRESENT

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Vice Chairperson Audrey Clark called for any changes or updates to the published agenda. Hearing no amendments, the Vice Chair called for approval of the agenda as presented. Commissioner Sarah Moore moved to approve the agenda as presented, and Commissioner Rex Blevins seconded the motion on the floor. The Vice Chair called for approval of the agenda by polling each Commissioner whereas the board unanimously approved the agenda as recorded:

Motion made by: Mrs. Sarah Moore
Seconded by: Mr. Rex Blevins
Those voting in favor: 4 – Blevins, Clark, Moore, Richie
Those opposed: 0 – N/A
Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

READING OF MINUTES

Vice Chairperson Audrey Clark announced the reading of the minutes from the previous regular meeting of the Trenton-Dade County Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) held on April 28, 2021 would not be necessary since all commissioners were provided an electronic copy of the minutes prior to today's meeting. The Vice Chair called for any corrections to the minutes, hearing none she entertained a motion to accept the minutes as presented by Mr. Don Townsend, Recording Secretary of the HPC. Commissioner Mr. Rex Blevins moved to approve the minutes as presented, and Mrs. Sarah Moore seconded the motion on the floor. The Vice Chair called for approval of the minutes by polling each Commissioner whereas the board unanimously approved the minutes as recorded:

Motion made by: Mr. Rex Blevins
Seconded by: Mrs. Sarah Moore
Those voting in favor: 4 – Blevins, Clark, Moore, Richie
Those opposed: 0 – N/A
Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS APPLICATIONS

There were no applications presented or decisions pending at today's meeting.

APPEARANCES

There were no official appearances at today's meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mrs. Clark called for final consideration to officially amend the bylaws changing the regular meeting date from the second Tuesday to the third Wednesday of each month beginning at 2:00

p.m. The Vice Chair called for any further discussion, hearing none Mrs. Clark called for the question. Commissioner Sarah Moore moved to officially amend the HPC's bylaws changing the regular meeting date from the second Tuesday to the third Wednesday of each month beginning at 2:00 p.m., and Commissioner Cindy Richie seconded the motion. Vice Chair Clark noted this was the third public vote on this matter, therefore this would officially amend the bylaws moving forward. Hearing no further discussion, the Vice Chair called for approval of the motion on the floor by polling each Commissioner whereas the board unanimously approved amending the bylaws:

Motion made by: Mrs. Sarah Moore
Seconded by: Mrs. Cindy Richie
Those voting in favor: 4 – Blevins, Clark, Moore, Richie
Those opposed: 0 – N/A
Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

Vice Chair Clark called for the next agenda item ~ Historic Courthouse Renovation Project – there was sufficient discussion from the prior month's meeting whereas the members agreed a construction management company such as BCM, Inc. would greatly enhance the chances of expediting this renovation project. Commissioners Melissa Bradford and Lamar Lowery reported the meeting with Mr. Jamey Blevins at the May 2020 regular commission meeting went well. The HPC members recommended asking Mr. Blevins and Mr. Bruce Case back to the July 21, 2021 regular meeting of the HPC. No official action was required to be taken.

Also, under unfinished business there was further discussion regarding the newly forged partnership with the Alliance for Dade regarding a public education and information campaign. Mrs. Carey Fauscett-Anderson requested this item be tabled until next month. The Vice Chair tabled the item, no official action was required to be taken.

Vice Chair Clark reviewed the capital fundraising campaigns as listed on the agenda. Sponsorship of a fully renovated room inside the historic courthouse was tabled until next month's regular meeting. Mrs. Clark requested Mr. Townsend to bring an updated list of windows that remain available inside the old historic courthouse to next month's meeting for review. The HPC set as a goal of September 30, 2021 to complete this year's 2022 Historical Society Christmas calendar to begin sales on October 1, 2021. It was discussed if a group could possibly sell the calendars at this year's New Salem Mountain Festival and Christmas Expo on December 4th. The Vice Chair tabled further discussion to next month's regular meeting, no official action was required to be taken.

Grant opportunities were reviewed, but no new updates were provided at the present time. No official action was required to be taken.

Vice Chair Clark tabled discussion of the Phase 2 Survey of the Piney area until Chairperson Donna Street could return to the HPC. No official action was required to be taken.

Finally, the State of Dade Historic Preservation, Inc. nonprofit organization was discussed. Vice Chair Clark called upon Mr. William Back to make a report on the new nonprofit organization

recently established. Mr. Back reported all required paperwork was properly filed with the State of Georgia and Internal Revenue Service forming the new nonprofit, therefore we are now ready to hold our first organizational meeting to elect officers of the organization. Vice Chair Audrey Clark recommended the group stay immediately after adjournment of the regular meeting to hold our first official State of Dade Historic Preservation Inc. organization meeting. All agreed, no official action was required to be taken.

NEW BUSINESS

Vice Chair Audrey Clark called for any new business. Mrs. Sarah Moore recommended the HPC pay Mr. William Back for his legal work performed to establish the new nonprofit organization. Commissioner Sarah Moore moved once income is received into the new State of Dade Historic Preservation, Inc. nonprofit organization's checking account that \$400 (\$125 paid to the State of Georgia plus \$275 paid to the Internal Revenue Service) be paid to Mr. William Back for reimbursement to establish formal paperwork necessary to establish the nonprofit organization. Commissioner Cindy Richie seconded the motion on the floor. Mrs. Clark called for any further discussion, hearing none, the Vice Chair called for approval of the motion on the floor by polling each Commissioner whereas the board unanimously approved the reimbursement request:

Motion made by: Mrs. Sarah Moore
Seconded by: Mrs. Cindy Richie
Those voting in favor: 4 – Blevins, Clark, Moore, Richie
Those opposed: 0 – N/A
Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

Vice Chair Clark called for any new business. Hearing no further business to discuss, the Vice Chair announced the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Trenton - Dade County Historic Preservation Commission would take place on Wednesday, July 21, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. to be held in the Commissioners' Meeting Room inside the Dade County Administrative Building.

The Chair then declared the meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted as recorded,

Don Townsend, Clerk to the Commission