

Minutes

Augusta Historic Preservation Commission

October 7, 2015

6:30 pm at City Center, Conference Room D

Members Present: Sylvia Hudson, Jerry Bumford, Phyllis von Herrlich, Lorie Mastemaker, Andy Loman, Dale McCormick

Members Absent:

Others Present: Keith Luke, Betsy Poulin

Introductions. New Assistant Planner on staff, Betsy Poulin.

Announcements.

- Dale notes that the Historic District Ordinance to be read at Council. November 5th First Reading. November 19th Second Reading. Public comment is at both meetings. AHPC members should attend.

Financial Report. An easier to read format would be helpful. Betsy will get a copy for next meeting.

Minutes. Motion by Phyllis to approve the August 5, 2015 minutes as drafted. Seconded by Jerry. All in favor. Motion passed. 6:0

Old Business

- **Lecture: "Preserving Maine's Recent Past" on September 2, 2015.** Great turnout with over 30 people. Sign in sheet asked for email, collected many addresses.
- **CLG Workshop in Brunswick on September 18, 2015.** Collection of articles.
- **Event "150th Commemoration of Augusta's Great Fire" on September 19, 2015.** It was a great event! Lots of photos are available. Andy will ask if CTV7 will edit the video length down.

New Business

- **18 Green Street Demolition Permit Application.** Motion by Phyllis that the application should come before the AHPC for review. Seconded by Sylvia. All in favor. Motion passed. 6:0.
 - Forward application to Richard Bridges.
 - Meeting date Monday October 19, 2015 at 6:00pm, Conference Room D.
- **Expenditure of Funds Policy.** Memo from City Manager. Services of a contractor should go through his office for review.
- **Museum in the Streets.**
 - Plenty of brochures exist in the Development Services office.
 - Confirm about process for sign removal (Betsy).

- Check about new brochure holders (Betsy).
- Add signage to brochure holders. If no brochures exist, go to City Hall's Development Services Office.
- Replacement signs should be on order from April, confirm this (Betsy).
- Consider a map like Belfast's with Museum in the Streets locations. Could also work in conjunction with Kennebec Chamber of Commerce to be on their map. Or the Augusta Downtown Alliance map.

Other

- **Dan Stevens New Membership Application.** An application was submitted on the City's website. The Mayor needs to appoint him, and then he will need to be approved by City Council.
- **Historic Building Plaque Application for 18 South Chestnut Street.** Forward application to Richard Bridges. (Betsy)
- **Historic District Ordinance**
 - Design Review in Historic Districts. Phyllis has a copy and this will be distributed to members.
 - Review conducted by MHPC, what were the results?
 - Guidelines had some updates which are not incorporated yet.
 - Motion by Dale that the Augusta Historic Preservation Commission wholeheartedly supports the local Historic District Ordinance for the City of Augusta because historic preservation ordinances result in significant economic growth, combat fire hazards, reduce criminal activity and enhance community. Seconded by Andy. All in favor. 6:0.
- **Demo Delay.** Motion by Dale to reaffirm the process that demolition permits immediately go to Richard Bridges for review of the building as per Ordinance. Seconded by Jerry. All in favor. 6:0

The meeting ended at 8:00 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Betsy Poulin.