

Meeting Minutes

Augusta Historic Preservation Commission

July 6, 2016

6:30 pm at City Center, Conference Room D

Members Present: Lorie Mastemaker, Dan Stevens, Jerry Bumford, Andy Loman, Phyllis von Herrlich, Jan Doerr

Members Absent: Dale McCormick

Others Present: Betsy Poulin-City Staff, Richard Bridges

- Announcements
 - Welcome to Jan! Our new Commission member!
- Minutes
 - Dan moved that the minutes for both the regular meeting and public hearing be accepted as written for the June 1, 2016 meetings
 - Seconded by Jerry.
 - Vote: 4:0:1 – Jan abstained, not present at meeting
- Old Business
 - MITS – Hartford Fire Station – New Signage
 - Andy: George Hartford founded the A&P stores, had an inn on the site, and donated the building to the City for the purposes of creating a fire station. The Fire Station was built in 1920 using money which Hartford donated.
 - Need to decide whether this is part of a new set of signs including State Street and Green Street, or if it will just stand on its own.
 - Jerry: Can bring his materials to the next meeting.
 - A subcommittee is formed. Richard, Jerry, Phyllis and Lorie.
 - MITS – 5 Front Street, Old Police Station – New Signage
 - Former location of Police Station prior to it moving to the old City Hall
 - Christian at the police station would like to do the text for the sign
 - Motion by Dan that the AHPC supports the concept of having new MITS signage for both Hartford Fire Station and the Front Street Police Station.
 - Seconded by Andy.
 - Vote 6:0. All in favor, motion passes.
 - National Register Downtown Nomination Process Update
 - Public Meeting held in City Council Chambers on June 22nd and broadcast on CTV7
 - One property owner attended and numerous others, who are in favor of the process
 - A second public meeting will not be held
 - The nomination should be complete in January 2017

- New Business
 - Historic Building Plaque – 23 South Chestnut Street
 - Richard Bridges gave a summary of the property. Charles Towne bought the lot in 1829 and was a carpenter and stair builder. He probably built the house himself, which first appears on the 1838 map of Augusta. He was a member of Augusta Fire Engine Company No.1. His name appears on a list of subscribers providing relief for Ireland in the late 1840's-early 1850's. When he sold the property in 1859 he moved to Bath. He eventually moved back to Augusta where he died in 1888.
 - Motion by Dan put "Charles Towne House, circa 1830" on the plaque.
 - Seconded by Phyllis.
 - Vote 6:0. All in favor, motion passes.
 - Historic Building Plaque – 19 North Chestnut Street
 - Richard Bridges gave a summary of the property. Humphrey Twombly purchased the property from Daniel Woodward in November 1865 where Twombly had erected a new house. He sold the house in 1866 to Reverend Joseph Ricker, who sold to Charles Nash in 1870. Nash lived in the house until he died in the house. Charles Nash wrote *The History of Augusta* and had numerous other claims to fame.
 - Motion by Dan to put "Twombly – Nash House, 1865" on the plaque.
 - Seconded by Jan.
 - Vote 6:0. All in favor, motion passes.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:35.

Next Meeting August 3, 2016 at 6:30pm for a Regularly Scheduled meeting.
Minutes by Betsy Poulin, City Staff.