

## MINUTES

Pine Bluff Historic District Commission Meeting

August 19, 2008

2:00 P.M.

The PHBDC met on Tuesday, August 19, 2008. The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Dave Sadler at 2:05 P.M with four (4) Commissioners present.

A motion was made by Elizabeth Gaines and seconded by Lola Gordon to approve the Minutes of the last meeting.

Janice Lusk gave the financial report stating as of July 30, 2008 the balance was \$6,701.11. There was a travel reimbursement made to Robert Tucker, who attended the National Association of Preservation Commissions Forum 2008 in New Orleans, and the printing of additional copies of the Fifth Avenue Historic District Handbook to Kwik Kopy Printing Company totaling \$246.30. The new balance will be reflected on the August, 2008 statement. Each committee member received a copy of the handbook. Mr. Sadler stated the "Certificate of Appropriateness" is the main focus that will be handled by the Inspection Department if there be areas of corrections to be made.

Alan Skinner reported on the 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue District Residential Structure of new zoning classification. The Planning Commission developed an ordinance and approved with a public hearing held. Another public hearing was requested in approximately two (2) months.

A presentation was made by Dr. Peter Perschbacher from the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff in reference to the St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. He indicated that the St. Andrew's Episcopal Church is one of the six black Episcopal missions in the state. Dr. Perschbacher was proposing a plaque be placed at the Southeast Corner of Oak and Pullen Street. The estimated cost of the plaque was approximately \$1,000. He requested if the PBHDC would contribute \$250.00 along with three other entities to help purchase the plaque. It was motioned by Lola Gordon and seconded by Elizabeth Gaines to approve a donation of \$250.00 toward purchasing of the plaque. Motion approved.

### June Freeman's House at 801 Scull

The Mayor requested on getting a full structural report on restoring or demolishing the house or Arkansas Game and Fish Commission to accept it. Mr. Sadler stated he would propose a letter to be sent to Ms. Freeman asking her to contact the Mayor's Office.

Robert Tucker reported on the Website page for PBHDC indicating it was under construction as of to date. He needed to include photos, agendas, minutes, and commissioners. Janice Lusk was to provide email addresses of commissioners.

### New Business

Mr. Sadler stated he had talked with Donald Sampson of Economic & Community Development Department who indicated there was approximately \$30,000 in the budget

for renovating the Boone Murphy House. Avis Hood was to be contacted by Ms. Gaines in getting access to the Boone Murphy House. Janice Lusk and Norma Payne were to check on the status of funds.

With no further discussions, a motion to adjourn made by Ms. Gaines and seconded by Ms. Gordon.