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Pine Bluff Historic District Commission Meeting
October 17, 2008
Mayor's Conference Room ~ 3:00 P.M.

Attendees:

Allan Skinner	City & Regional Planning
Elizabeth Gaines	Commissioner
Robert D. Tucker	Inspection/Zoning
Janice Lusk	Community Development
Erin France	Pine Bluff Commercial
Dave Sadler	Commissioner
Boyd Maher	ADPF
Rhea Roberts	Historic Preservation Alliance

The meeting was called to order by President, Dave Sadler at 3:05 p.m.

Roll Call – Two (2) Commissioners present.

Minutes from last meeting not formally approved due to not a quorum present.

Financial Report – A full report will be given at next meeting on November 21, 2008.

Old Business

Community Development Funding.

The City's Economic and Community Development Department is to draft a letter indicating the requirements for home improvement grants that are available. These letters are to be sent to property owners in the 5th Avenue District making them aware of the available funding.

Boone Murphy House – Robert Tucker and Larry Matthews visited the house on October 17, 2008. They indicated the kitchen ceiling and floors were in need of repairs. The contact person for the Boone Murphy House is Avis Hood and Alderwoman Irene Holcomb.

St. Andrews Episcopal Church Historical Plaque

The Pine Bluff Historical District Commission has donated \$250.00 towards a historic plaque for the St. Andrews Episcopal Church.

Proposed zoning classification change for 5th Avenue District

Alan Skinner reported the zoning classification is on the agenda for the next Planning Commission meeting to be held on October 28, 2008 along with a Public Hearing to be held. A standard notice sent to property owners notifying them of the Planning Commission meeting.

Website Page for PBHDC

Robert Tucker reported he and Johnny Martin are in the process of implementing the website that will include the PBHDC minutes, handbook, and map will be some of the links on the website. Also the letter to the property owners of available funding for improvements will be included.

June Freeman's House 801 Scull

Dave Sadler stated Ms. Freeman was to contact Mayor Redus about transferring the property. The house will need to be moved and possibly a walking trail will become available.

New Business

Boyd Maher introduced Rhea Roberts with the Preserve American Program. Mr. Maher talked briefly on grants writing and grants that Ms. Roberts assists with. Robert Tucker will present inform Mayor about the program. Also Mr. Maher gave some dates of upcoming events:

- January, 2009 the COG Training will be held in Little Rock
- May 14-16, 2009 – Arkansas Preservation Conference in Eureka Springs, AR
- CAMP Meeting will be held in Memphis, TN in February, 2009

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.