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Pine Bluff Historic District Commission Meeting
January 15, 2010
Mayor's Conference Room
3:00 P.M.

Call to Order by Chairman, Dave Sadler.

Roll Call – Four (4) Commissioners present: Lola Gordon, Dave Sadler, Dee Herring and Darnell Hawkins.

Minutes – A motion made by Lola Gordon and second by Darnell Hawkins to approve Minutes from previous meeting. Motion approved.

Financial Report – A balance of \$4,763.11 was reported on hand.

Ted Davis, Assistant to the Mayor, expressed some concerns to the commission members about looking at homes outside of the historic district area that may need attention in being repaired.

Old Business:

Preserve America Signs

Installing signs, ceremony

Robert Tucker has ordered the Preserve America signs to be installed around town. He has gotten the permission signed and approved for the Street Department to do installation. Possibly this can be a public relation event to include the presence of the Mayor and news media.

5th Street Historic District Sign Toppers

Installing signs, announcement

Mr. Tucker presented a sample of the Toppers for the 5th Avenue Historic District to the commission members. The cost is approximately \$920.00 plus \$60 to \$70.00 shipping fee. The Street Department agreed to do the installation.

CLG Funds

Spending balance of grant – Mr. Tucker reported in order to apply for new CLG grant funds, the application will need to be submitted by April 23, 2010.

Boone Murphy House

The bid date opening for the Boone Murphy House is February 4, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. Larry Matthews is in the process of preparing the bid documents.

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New Business

- Hervie Stubblefield attended a Historic District meeting on January 12, 2010 in Little Rock. The Arkansas Historic Preservation Program will accept grant applications on March 12, 2010. The average grant is projected to total not more than \$80,000 with at 50% match from the applicant.
- The Masonic Lodge located at 4th Street is seeking to make application to stabilize the building. The projected cost of Phase I (stabilization) is \$144,000. Therefore the applicant will be required to make up difference of \$64,000 to complete Phase I.
- The Howard Building located next to the Masonic Lodge is not on the Arkansas Register, the Historic Register or the National Register. The Historic Preservation Program may can provide guidance to the owners of the Howard Building on how to register the building with the National Historic Register. The contact person is Ralph Wilcox (501-324-9787) to assist with registering the property as a historic property.
- The owner of the Old Sahara Temple on Main Street, (Garland Trice), was contacted by Mr. Stubblefield to determine his interest in registering the building of the historic property. Mr. Trice is seeking guidance from the City or the Historic Preservation Committee to have the property designated on the national register. Mr. Stubblefield requested the owner be contacted to allow the Inspection Department to assess the property.
- The Pines Hotel, (E.W. Moon, owner), is on the national register. Mr. Stubblefield is to contact Mr. Moon to obtain keys for the Inspection Department to do an assessment of the property.
- Darnell Hawkins recommended doing a workshop for the property owners and invite Boyd Maher of the Arkansas Historic Preservation to come and share information about the historic preservation program. (Mr. Tucker stated he would contact Mr. Maher).
- Dee Herring suggested doing a "Yesterday's" in the newspaper on a weekly basis about the Historic District Commission. Suggestions were made having displays of old photographs for public viewing and available for those who attend the planned meeting of downtown property owners and possibly be available for schools to bring their students through for tours.

No further discussions, meeting adjourned.