

MINUTES

Pine Bluff Historic District Commission Meeting
August 21, 2009
3:00 P.M.
Mayor's Conference Room

Call to Order by Chairman, Dave Sadler.

Two new commission members were introduced and welcome by the committee. They were Dee Herring and Darnell Hawkins.

Four commissioners were present: Lola Gordon, Dee Herring, Darnell Hawkins and Dave Sadler.

Lola Gordon moved to approved Minutes from the June, 2009 meeting and second by Darnell Hawkins.

The financial report as of July 31, 2009 the balance was \$4,763.11.

Old Business

- Designation of Pine Bluff as Preserve America Community Robert Tucker indicated the application was satisfactory. The murals are to be looked into and Mr. Tucker is to generate map of murals.
- Boone Murphy House
Arkansas Historic Preservation Grant – Mr. Tucker stated the application did not get approved, but thinks the house is still a good project to be looked into. He also suggested placing a permanent type marker by the house. Possibly a meeting can be scheduled with Donald Sampson, Mr. Sadler and Mr. Tucker in reference to allocating CDBG funds for repairing the roof along with other repairs needing to be done to the structure.
- Robert Tucker – training in Eureka Springs May 14, 15
Mr. Tucker indicated various topics were discussed at the training. He informed the committee of two trainings held per year and he encourages them to attend.
- Main Street National Register of Historic Places Designation
The committee discussed what can be done to save old buildings and to make building historic. Darnell Hawkins suggested looking into Pine Bluff's black history and culture that may bring more tourists to the area.
- Proposed New Historic District Committee Report
It was suggested by the committee to contact Boyd Maher of the Arkansas Historic Preservation on advice of the potential buildings (Cherry Street and Barraque Streets and 4th and State) becoming new historic district

areas. It was motioned by Darnell Hawkins and second by Lola Gordon to have Dee Herring do research pertaining to Main Street National Register.

- 5th Avenue streetscape and infrastructure project
The committee discussed finding ways to improve street lights, sidewalks, etc.

Suggestions were made in having joint meetings with other committees of the downtown areas to possibly consolidate meeting on one or two ongoing projects.

Henry Golatt was scheduled to do a presentation, but was unable to attend.