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Pine Bluff Historic District Commission Meeting
April 9, 2010 – 3:00 P.M.
Mayor's Conference Room

Call to order by Chairman, Commissioner Dave Sadler.

Roll Call: There were five (5) Commissioners present: Commissioners Dave Sadler, Dee Herring, Lola Gordon, Darnell Hawkins and Vivian Flowers.

Minutes from previous meeting were reviewed. It was motion by Commissioner Lola Gordon and second by Commissioner Darnell Hawkins to approve minutes. Motion approved.

Financial Report: Due to unconfirmed balance, the financial report was not approved. It was recommended to be approved at next meeting.

Old Business

CLG Funds-Spending balance of grant, travel expenses

The Arkansas Historic Preservation Conference for staff and commissioners' training will be held in Helena, AR next week. Robert Tucker and Commissioner Dee Herring will be attending. It was motioned by Commissioner Vivian Flowers and second by Commissioner Lola Gordon to approve spending of the CLG funding for both to attend. Motion approved.

CLG Grant for 2011

Robert Tucker reported he is meeting the April 23rd deadline for a \$7,000 to \$8,000 Certified Local Government (CLG) Grant.

Boone Murphy House

Robert Tucker reported he had submitted and received confirmation of the APRG Grant that was due March 13th. The funding could be applied to the Boone Murphy House the commission hopes to have fixed up in time for the 2011 in time for the 2011 Civil War sesquicentennial celebrations.

New Business

Election Vice President

It was motioned by Commissioner Lola Gordon and second by Commissioner Vivian Flowers to elect Dee Herring as Vice President. Motion approved.

Fifth Avenue District Expansion

The Fifth Avenue Historic District could expand to include the Du Bocage House W. 4th Avenue and South Linden Street. Commissioner Dee Herring indicated she has spoken with the owner, John Schneider, who is interested in the idea. If the house was included in the district, it could not be torn down or have the outward appearance altered according to historic guidelines. The house would become eligible for grants and other programs

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because of its inclusion in the district. Robert Tucker stated he would prepare for next month's meeting the procedures to expand the district that will include the expansion going before the Pine Bluff Planning Commission and City Council.

Commissioner Darnell Hawkins spoke on joint meetings with other committees after receiving communication from Senator Blanche Lincoln's office of available funding through the stimulus program. Mr. Hawkins is to set up a meeting date around the dates of May 1st-18th inviting persons from Senator Mike Ross' office, the Mayor's office, the Alliance along with others to attend.

Meeting adjourned.