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Pine Bluff Historic District Commission Meeting

June 17, 2011

3:00 P.M.

Mayor's Conference Room

The Pine Bluff Historic District Commission met on Friday, June 17, 2011. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Commissioner Dee Herring.

Roll Call: Five (5) commissioners present: Commissioners Darnell Hawkins, Chad Kelley, Dave Sadler, Marlene Davis-Lily and Dee Herring. Others present were Robert Tucker, Janice Lusk, Norma Payne and Amy Widner (Pine Bluff Commercial).

The Minutes from May's hearing were reviewed. Commissioner Hawkins motioned to approve the minutes. Motion was second by Commissioner Davis-Lily. Motion approved.

Financial Report: Robert Tucker reported the balance on hand was \$4,400.90.

Old Business

- o Boone Murphy House Update

Robert Tucker indicated painting is underway at the Boone Murphy House which will complete the renovation of the exterior. The house has been primed and caulked and a color has been selected for the structure being light olive for the body, a wheat color for the trim and burnt red for the roof and accents.

Carl Davis Construction was selected through a bid process for the paint work that will bring Phase I of stabilization work on the structure to a close.

Phase II would restore the structure's interior to habitability. The commission received word it will not receive a grant Mr. Tucker has applied for to help fund Phase II. The commission voted to begin the process of moving other existing grant sources to the project, but there will not be enough to complete preparing the building for a new tenant.

In other business the commission heard an update from Mr. Tucker on its proposed locally designated downtown historic district. Mr. Tucker stated a public hearing on the proposal will likely be held in August. After that the next step of process will be to go before the City Council. Notices will be going out in the coming months to property owners in the proposed district.

New Business

- o Reprogramming of old CLG funds

It was motioned by Commissioner Dave Sadler and second by Commissioner Darnell Hawkins for Mr. Tucker to reprogram funds to finish the Boone Murphy Project. Motion approved.

- New CLG Grant Award
Starting this fiscal year, the historic district programs will each get a \$1,200 lump sum. In the past funding was distributed on a competitive basis with Pine Bluff receiving from \$5,000 to \$2,700 a year in recent years.