

## MINUTES

Pine Bluff Historic District Commission Meeting

November 18, 2011

3:00 P.M.

Mayor's Conference Room

The Pine Bluff Historic District Commission met on Friday, November 18, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. in the Mayor's Conference Room.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Commissioner Dee Herring.

Roll Call: There were three (3) Commissioners present: Commissioners Darnell Hawkins, Jack Stradley and Dee Herring. Others in attendance were Robert Tucker, Janice Lusk and Norma Payne.

Minutes: Approval of Minutes from the October meeting was not approved due to not having a quorum.

Financial Report: Robert Tucker reported the Historic District balance was \$5,520.90.

### **Old Business**

- Boone Murphy House Update – Bids are being handled by Larry Matthews which include the scope of work, assembling and distributing of bid packets to contractors. There is approximately \$27,000 in funds that have been set aside for the project, \$20,000 from CDBG, \$4,000 from CLG and \$3,000 from the Heckatoo Heritage Foundation.

### **New Business**

- Downtown District Guidelines – Robert Tucker has completed 13 to 14 pages of guidelines for this project. Mr. Tucker indicated there is no reason for a consultant to be involved. Dave Sadler is assisting with project.
- Saenger Theater Update: Commissioner Jack Stradley reported he is awaiting confirmation from Lowe's on application for a \$17,000 grant. Ownership of the Saenger Theater will be discussed at meeting following the holidays. Possibly ownership can be given to the City. On November 18, 2011 the commission joined the league of historic theaters. Ms. Karen Kahn Goodman wants to make donation towards the Saenger Theater. Also Senator Stephanie Flowers is working on acquiring \$14,000 through the legislative body for the Saenger Theater.
- Commissioner Dee Herring proposed creating an award of appreciation acknowledging those who have rendered service in the historic district, possibly

making this an annual event. The time of year for the award ceremony will be during the month of March or April. Mr. Bob Abbott was mentioned as a possible recipient for this award. The award can be residential or commercial. The commission discussed having Clean and Beautiful to give an award for best landscaping.

- The commission agreed not to meet in December.