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Pine Bluff Historic District Commission Meeting
May 16, 2008 – 3:00 P.M.

The Pine Bluff Historic District Commission met on Friday, May 16, 2008 at 3:00 P.M. in the Mayor's Conference Room. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Dave Sadler.

There were four (4) Commissioners present: Elizabeth Gaines, Lola Gordon, Vivian Flowers and Dave Sadler.

Other attendees: Norma Payne, Janice Lusk, and AmyJo Brown (Pine Bluff Commercial).

It was moved and second to approve the Minutes from the previous meeting.

The Financial Report indicated the balance on hand was \$6,701.11 as of April 30, 2008.

Old Business

~ Proposed zoning classification change for 5th Avenue Historic District
Jerre George with Regional Planning had presented a proposed to rezone the 5th Avenue Historic District from a mostly commercial used to one focused on preserving residential properties. The rezoning would change the area from a B-4 zone to a HD-1 zone. The proposal was tabled at the last planning commission meeting until further study.

~ 5th Avenue Historic District Handbook for Rehabilitation & New Construction
Changes were made to the Certificate of Appropriateness Flow Chart in the Historic District Handbook as printed on Page 8. It was suggested to have a 20 day window for public notice and to have a complete ordinance to include the By-laws.

Mr. Sadler recommended draft handbook until the next Historic District meeting (June 20th) be placed in the City Clerk's Office, on the City's website, notice to property owners to review and public notice placed in newspaper. A motion was made by Elizabeth Gaines and seconded by Lola Gordon. Motion carried. An Amendment was made to have the draft handbook placed in the City Clerk's Office and notice in the legal section of newspaper requesting feedback by June 20th.

~ Boone Murphy House/Community Development Funding
The house is waiting to be inspected by Larry Matthews. Janice Lusk was asked to remind Mr. Matthews to have inspection done.

~ June Freeman's house at 801 Scull

Mr. Sadler and Boyd Maher inspected the home at 801 Scull. Mr. Sadler stated Mr. Maher indicated that only possible a 10% Tax Credit for business use on the home was available. Several suggestions were made as to what could be done with the home and property, possibly donating to Arkansas Game and Fish or people on walking trail may have input on usage of the property.

~ Possible Street Lighting, Streetscape Project

Mr. Sadler indicated no update on the project, but was planning to set up a meeting with Entergy before next meeting. A motion was made by Vivian Flowers to draft a Resolution for classification for rezoning and address letter to Planning Commission by its next meeting (May 27th). Motion was seconded by Lola Gordon. Motion carried.

New Business

The National Commission Forum – New Orleans, July 10th -13th

Robert Tucker has volunteered to attend meeting. The total cost of expense will be approximately \$1,000 which funds will be used from grant funds. The committee discussed information requested from the workshop: safety code safety issues, grant writing, show me the money, staff training, etc.

~ Website Page for PBHDC

The committee discussed having the following items included on the website page: Commissioners' names, a Logo, access to documents, different links of historical interest. Vivian Flowers is to work with Johnny Martin and Robert Tucker on contents to be included on the web page.

No further discussions it was moved and second to adjourn meeting at 3:55 p.m.