

## Minutes

Pine Bluff Historic District Commission Meeting  
April 20, 2012

The Pine Bluff Historic District Commission met on Friday, April 20, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. in the Mayor's Conference. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Commissioner Dee Herring.

### Roll Call:

There were five (5) Commissioners present: Commissioner Darnell Hawkins, Jack Stradley, Marlene Davis-Lily, Dee Herring and Dave Sadler. Others present were: Robert Tucker and Amy Widner from the Pine Bluff Commercial.

### Minutes:

It was motioned by Commissioner Darnell Jack Stradley and seconded by Darnell Hawkins to approve the minutes from the February 17, 2012 meeting. Motion unanimously approved.

### Financial Report:

Robert Tucker indicated there was no financial report to the absence of Marilyn Enright the Finance Department. He did indicate there had been some expenditure of funds for work on the Boone-Murphy House and for expenses related to attending the upcoming Arkansas Historic Preservation Conference.

### **Old Business**

#### Boone Murphy House Update

Robert Tucker indicated that the Boone-Murphy House had been vandalized by having its wiring stolen. He stated that repairs were underway and that as soon as possible an alarm system would be installed in an attempt to prevent future break-ins.

### **New Business**

#### Downtown District Guidelines

Mr. Tucker indicated that he was making slow, steady progress on the guidelines. At some point in time, he would reach out to other commissioners for help in formatting the document.

#### Saenger Theater Update

Mr. Tucker stated that the City and Old Town Theater had closed on the theater and that the City now was in full possession of the building. Jack Stradley stated that the building was dry due to the new roof, except for the interior eastern wall where there is still damage occurring due to the need to repair the mansard tile roof in this area. Stradley also indicated that much of the plaster and supporting mesh on the eastern interior wall had since collapsed due to continuing water problems in this area of the building. Dave Sadler asked if the Street Department had been approached about cleaning out the down spout and drain located in the gangway along the eastern side of the building. Robert

Tucker replied that he had not yet contacted JT Golden of the Streets Department about this but that he would next week.

#### CLG & HPRG Grants Submitted

Mr. Tucker reported that applications for both a CLG and HPRG grant were submitted to AHPP offices in Little Rock by the deadline of March 13, 2012. Decisions on both grant requests will be announced in June.

#### Community Theater Mural

Jack Stradley requested help from the commissioners present to assist him as he plans to remove the mural that is presently on the eastern façade of the Community Theater. Dee Herring offered to help Jack obtain an estimate to remove the mural.

#### Union Pacific RR

Jack Stradley asked for assistance in getting the Union Pacific RR to reduce the amount of hornblowing it currently engages in. Robert Tucker indicated he would make some inquiries concerning how this matter should be approached. Tucker wondered whether such an issue was within the purview of the historic district commission. He stated he would discuss this matter with city officials before proceeding. Also, he wanted to know who should approach the railroad regarding the mess of aggregate they left along 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue in the area where they did roadbed work last year. Robert Tucker stated he would contact JT Golden and ask if he would mind contacting the railroad about this issue.

There being no further discussions, a motion was made by Marlene Davis-Lilly and seconded by Dave Sadler to adjourn.