

Minutes

Pine Bluff Historic District Commission

June 15, 2012

3:00 P.M.

The Pine Bluff Historic District Commission met on Friday, June 15, 2012 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 four (4) Commissioners present: Commissioners Dave Sadler, Dee Herring, Marlene Davis-Lilly and Darnell Hawkins. Others present Robert Tucker, Norma Payne, Janice Lusk and Amy Widner from the Pine Bluff Commercial.

Minutes: A motion was made by Commissioner Marlene Davis-Lilly and seconded by Commissioner Dave Sadler to approve the Minutes from the April 20, 2012 meeting. Motion approved.

Financial Report: Robert Tucker reported the balance as of May 31, 2012 was \$328.00.

Old Business

- **Boone Murphy House Update** – Robert Tucker indicated the electricity had been hooked up, and an alarm system has been installed. The commission discussed holding a ceremony to dedicate the marker at the house in the coming months. Other goals include an outdoor garden space for events and to find a permanent tenant for the building.

The commission is also working on guidelines and signage for the Downtown Historic District. Mr. Tucker will be working with a consultant to design a new streetscape for the downtown area that includes rebuilding sidewalks, new trees and landscaping, planters, benches, etc.

- **Saenger Theater Update** – The commission's application resulted in a grant worth a total of \$21,700.00 of which \$14,467.00 coming from the state and \$7,233.00 in matching funds from Old Town Theatre Centre. The funds will go toward additional roof repair work, a structural engineering assessment, and repair work to the chimney masonry for the theater. Commissioner Dee Herring suggested start giving annual awards to recognize historic preservation efforts.

New Business

- **CLG Grant Award/Downtown Historic District Signtoppers**
Mr. Tucker informed the commission that it has received \$6,500.00 in its annual historic preservation allocation with Certified Local Government.
- **AR Historic Preservation Conference** – Mr. Tucker did a power point presentation highlights the conference held in May at Ft. Smith, AR.

➤ **Upcoming CAMP Training**

Mr. Tucker stated the Pine Bluff Historic District Commission had been invited to attend the CAMP Training held in Memphis in September. Mr. Tucker will pass on information to the commission as it becomes available.

No further discussion a motion was made to adjourn.