

Minutes

Pine Bluff Historic District Commission Meeting
July 19, 2013

The Pine Bluff Historic District Commission met on Friday, July 19, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers Conference Room.

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

Roll Call: There were 5 Commissioners present: Commissioners Dee Herring, Harold Terry, Jack Stradley, Marlene Davis-Lilly and Dave Sadler. Others present were: Robert Tucker and Rick Joslin (Pine Bluff Commercial).

Minutes: It was motioned by Commissioner Dave Sadler and seconded by Commissioner Jack Stradley to approve the Minutes from the June meeting. Motion was approved unanimously..

Financial Report: Robert Tucker stated that as of 6/28/13 the Historic District Commission account had a balance of \$3,909.04 in its account. This reflected the issuance of a check on the amount of \$225.00 for plumbing repairs to the Boone-Murphy House.

OLD BUSINESS

Boone Murphy House Update – Robert Tucker reported that the Grand Opening of the Boone Murphy House was successful albeit hot. He also stated that the floors would be coated with polyurethane in the coming week and that then the conference table could be moved in from the airport. He stated that hopefully the August meeting of the commission could be held in the house.

Saenger Theatre Update – Mr. Tucker stated that he and Chairwoman Dee Herring had gone to Little Rock to accept the check for the 2013 HPRG grant of \$24,000. He brought copies of the photos from the event to give to Dee Herring.

CLG Grant Update - Mr. Tucker informed the Commission there will not be an Arkansas Historic Preservation (AHP) Conference held next year. He stated that the 2013 CLG grant application resulted in a grant of \$2,747. The HDC received funding for everything it asked for, except in the amount awarded for training expenses. Of the CLG grant of \$2,646, \$1,200 was awarded for training. The remainder will pay for publication of Downtown Historic District Design Guidelines and awards for the 2nd annual Pine Bluff Preservation Awards ceremony this November.

Downtown HD Sign Toppers: Robert Tucker informed the commission that the project has been slowed a bit due to a change in personnel in the Street Department Sign Shop. He stated that he will be meeting with JT Golden of the Street Department to go over the sign proposal before ordering the signs.

NEW BUSINESS

Jack Stradley showed a photograph of the partially restored Community Theater marquee with some of the new LED “neon” light elements installed and glowing. He asked Robert Tucker to contact Entergy and inquire as to the procedure to have Entergy come out and remove old, obsolete and inoperative wires from the poles in front of downtown businesses that are beginning to renovate old buildings.

There being no further discussions, the meeting was adjourned.