

## Minutes

Thomasville Historic Preservation Commission

20 Stadium Drive

Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024

The Thomasville Historic Preservation Commission meeting was held at the City Council Chambers on Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 6:30pm.

**Members Present:** Jill Simpson, Mary Sullivan, Jennifer Mayhall and Amanda Cox

**Staff Members:** Chuck George and City Council Liaison, Payton Willams

Members Absent: Katheryn Byres, Steve Teglas, Keith Ratliff, David Carter (newly appointed members, not yet sworn in)

1. Call to Order: Jill Simpson called the meeting to order at 6:34pm.
2. Approval of Minutes: Jenn Mayhall made motion to approve the January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024 minutes, Amanda Cox seconded. All approved, no opposed. The motion passed.
3. Staff Report: Chuck George gave the staff report. No COAs for February 2024. Chuck mentioned the NC Main Street Conference to be held in Goldsboro from March 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> will count as CLG Training for Historic Preservation. Jill Simpson and Steve Teglas are planning to attend. Jill Simpson has already emailed Kristi Brantley to get CLG training credit.
4. Committee Report
  - a. Finance Report – read from January’s minutes: CD amount: \$2,344.78.
  - b. Sales Report – none
5. Other Business
  - a. PACE is doing an event in downtown Thomasville on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024. This event is the new Spring Daze/May Daze and is also the opening to the Thomasville Farmer’s Market. East Guilford and Commerce Streets will be closed around the Farmer’s Market. Historic Preservation has been asked to participate in a Cemetery Walk during the day. The daily will run in the morning until 2:00pm with the Cemetery Walk happening from 9:00am to 12:00pm, every 30 minutes. The title of the Cemetery Walk will be “We Dig Cemeteries, and why you should too.” The walk will highlight a few of the prominent Thomasville citizens buried there. Jill Simpson asked Jenn Mayhall (and will ask Steve Teglas and Keith Ratliff) if they can determine if the previous owners of theirs historic homes are buried there. Payton Williams mentioned that Rotary is hosting the Kentucky Derby night at Colonial Country Club on the same day. Jill Simpson will reach out to community members to retrieve stories from those buried in the city cemetery. Jenn offered to make flyers and/or a logo for the

event. Amanda Cox suggested with ask Tammy Joyce, owner of The Blend Coffee shop to bring a mobile coffee unit to this even.

- b. Jill Simpson is interested in applying for grants for the Historic Preservation Commission. Jill emailed Kristi Brantley to see if we could apply for grants through the State Historic Preservation Office to fund an updated architectural survey for the Colonial Drive Local Historic District. If funded, the Thomasville Historic Preservation Commission could apply for Colonial Drive Historic District to be added to the National Register. This designation would allow for both federal and state historic tax credits for home and business owners.
  - c. Jill is also interested in joining the [NC Preservation Consortium](#) in order to qualify for several grants. One grant could fund a collections assessment with a written report on how to store these artifacts appropriately. Another grant could fund the purchase of appropriate storage furniture to store and display our historic collection. Mary Sullivan mentioned she organizes and assesses the historic collection for her church and she will share a catalog of storage furniture options. Jill will email the consortium information to the commission members for review. Annual membership is \$100 per year.
  - d. Jill mentioned that the commission never approved the new logo designed last year. Jill brought up a photo of the new logo on her phone. Jenn made a motion to approve the new logo and Amanda seconded the logo. All approved, none opposed. Jill can now design a banner with the new Historic Preservation Logo.
6. Next Meeting
    - a. The commission's next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 6:30pm in City Council Chambers on Stadium Drive.
    - b. The deadline for COA applications is Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 at 5:00pm
  7. Adjournment.
    - a. The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 pm. Jenn Mayhall made the motion to adjourn, Amanda Cox seconded, all approved.