

**PLANNING AND
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

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**TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY JOINT HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES**

March 8, 2016, 4:00 PM

I. Welcome & Introductions:

Chair Ellen Harris welcomed all members. Members attending were John Huggins, Marcy Thompson, Jeff Mills, Jeff Carter and staff person Joy Fields. Lauren Wise was absent (excused), Rick Lasater and Betty Sherrill were absent.

II. Approval of Agenda and Minutes:

John Huggins made a motion to approve the agenda and the meeting minutes from February 9, 2016. The motion was seconded by Marcy Thompson and unanimously approved.

III. Old Business:

- a. *2016 Historic Preservation Fund Pass-Through Grants (HPFP Grants)* – submitted
- b. Commissioners Update – Re-scheduled for March 28, 2016 from 7:00 pm-9:00 pm. JHPC member attendance would still be beneficial.
- c. Joint Letter of Inquiry with Heart of Brevard –
 - The letter was reviewed and no revisions were identified.
 - An attachment to the letter of inquiry that highlights the benefits and requirements of local designation was requested.
 - The members discussed including the application for designation in the letter and decided that the letter, informational sheet and list of locally designated properties would be sufficient.
 - The building that recently had a fire, the old location of Dugan's Pub, is across from the old gas station and may be contributing to the Historic District. Should the owner of that structure be sent a letter too?
- d. Historic Preservation Commission Regional Training –
 - JHPC will be the host of the training on April 15, 2016 in the Rogow Room of the Transylvania County Library from 9:30 am-4:00 pm.
 - Because of the construction in downtown Brevard, the end of the day walking tour through two historic districts on the way to Silvermont Mansion was switched to a drive and a tour of the restoration efforts taking place at Silvermont.
 - A registration link would be great to have.
- e. Article Highlighting JHPC for Transylvania Times – still in the works

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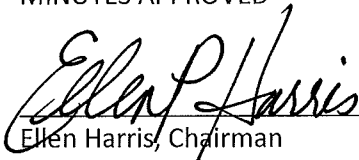
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IV. New Business:

- a) US Cellular Construction Proposal – location will not affect any known historical structures because its planned location is along NC 280 on National Forest Land.
- b) Potential New Local Listings –
 - Review of the State Historic Preservation Office map for Transylvania County (<http://gis.ncdcr.gov/hpoweb/>) highlighted the large number of historical structures in the County and showed many structures that have been lost to deterioration or destroyed.
 - Discussion included the need to designate additional structures to try to keep them from being destroyed and to highlight the great history of the County.
 - Many of the sites on the map are also on the study list that was created in 2011 and is in the JHPC Handbook.
 - Anna Duval, a graduate student, recently worked on surveying historic properties in and around Brevard and may have information that would benefit JHPC and update the study list.
 - Discussion of historical structures outside of the City of Brevard included the Dunn's Rock Crossroads (see attached brochure that Marcy found for Dunn's Rock Crossroads) Little River Baptist Church, Cascade Grocery, the Cedar Mountain Summer Cottages, the Blythe-Whitmire Farm, and a few private residences.
 - JHPC members would like to have a generic letter and an informational sheet for homeowners to be able to hand out to their neighbor's or others who own historical structures.

Adjourn: With no further business Marcy Thompson made a motion to adjourn and John Huggins seconded the motion which carried. The meeting adjourned around 4:55 PM. The next meeting is **Tuesday April 12, 2016 at 4:00 pm** in the Community Service Building conference room.

MINUTES APPROVED


Ellen Harris, Chairman 6-3-16
Date


Staff 6-3-16
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