

**PLANNING AND  
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**TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY JOINT HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**August 9, 2016, 4:00 PM**

**I. Call to Order, Chairman Ellen Pratt Harris:**

Ellen Pratt Harris called the meeting to order. Members introduced themselves for the benefit of Betty Sherrill who was back after a long absence due to surgery and recovery. Members attending were Ellen Pratt Harris, Lauren Wise, Betty Sherrill, Jeff Mills, Marcy Thompson, Aaron Bland, Rick Lasater, John Huggins and staff member Joy Fields. Jeff Carter was absent (excused).

**II. Approval of Agenda and Minutes:**

Ellen Pratt Harris asked if there were any suggested changes to the agenda or meeting minutes. No changes were required. Lauren Wise made a motion to approve the agenda and the July 12, 2016 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Betty Sherrill and carried unanimously.

**III. Old Business:**

**A. Camp Ramble –** The idea was re-introduced for the members who had missed the July meeting.

- An update was given by staff regarding discussions with Jeff Carter and Page Lemel. Camp Keystone Owner, Page Lemel, recommended postponing the Camp Ramble to April or May. JHPC discussed dates and decided that April would be a better month to co-host a Camp Ramble.
- Betty Sherrill highlighted the need for each stop at a camp to have bathrooms and something to drink for participants.
- Marcy Thompson offered to reach out to the owners of Camp Illahee to gauge their interest in participating in the Camp Ramble.
- The NC Youth Camp Association (NCYCA) is having a statewide meeting on September 13<sup>th</sup> in Transylvania County and JHPC discussed sending a member to represent JHPC and to discuss the option of a Camp Ramble with the association. More details on the NCYCA meeting will be obtained by staff so JHPC members can look at their calendars.

**B. Joint meeting with Transylvania Historical Society -** The Historic Pass Through Funds that JHPC had applied for to support the urgent repairs to the Allison-Deaver House was discussed again for the members who had not been involved in the process of approving the application and match.

- The joint meeting's purpose will be to update JHPC and the Historical Society on the status of the Historic Pass Through Funds and to discuss additional partnerships for the upcoming year.
- The meeting will be Monday, September 12, 2016 at 4:00 pm at the Allison-Deaver House.

**C. Annual Report –** A sample format/rough draft was handed out to JHPC members.

- Discussion highlighted how the current draft was approachable for the general public and how the annual report could serve as an outreach document as SHPO staff had discussed during the April 15<sup>th</sup> training. JHPC discussed placing the completed annual

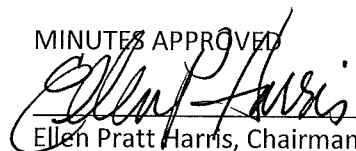
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- report in the Chamber of Commerce, the Library, the History Museum and Planning Offices to encourage people to pick it up and read it.
- Suggestions were made on how to make the document less like a newsletter and more like an annual report including having a space for "Words from the Chair" and adding current JHPC members.
- Marcy Thompson asked about the timeline for the annual report and review of the three options: the calendar year, the budget year, and the CLG year were discussed. At the last meeting JHPC had opted to complete the annual report for submission with the CLG report which is due between October and December.
- Marcy Thompson requested the opportunity to highlight the work the Transylvania County Library has done to have the historical photos from Transylvania County digitized and uploaded to the NC digital library. Marcy offered to write the short piece regarding this effort for the annual report. She also offered to write the piece regarding the JHPC meeting at Mud Dabbers Pottery and historical presentation by Dr. Keith Parker.
- Ellen Pratt Harris offered to write the piece highlighting the Allison-Deaver House Restoration and partnership with the Historical Society.


IV. **New Business:**

- A. 2025 Comprehensive Plan – after more than 18 months of work the Comprehensive Plan is in the final stages. There were a couple of strategies under the goal: 3) *Actively encourages and supports high-quality art (music, performing, and visual) and recognizes the cultural, economic and educational impacts of these cultural resources*, that seemed to be applicable to JHPC. Unfortunately, due to issues with technology, the following strategies were not able to be viewed by JHPC members during the meeting:
- a. Preserve the county's distinctive sense of place and small town atmosphere by supporting efforts to promote local arts, culture and heritage
  - b. Support efforts to preserve and educate residents about the cultural heritage of the community
- B. Other – Aaron Bland reported his discussion with Prentiss Brewer regarding adding local historic landmarks to their land of waterfalls app. Currently, the historic museums and historic sites section of the app includes very few items. To have the local landmark designations on the app Prentiss will need a short description, a picture and the geographic coordinates of the structure. JHPC members discussed how it would be important to highlight that many of the local landmarks are private residences and are not open to the public. Also adding the information from the historic downtown walking tour brochure was discussed as a great way to increase the historical documentation of the county.
- V. **Adjourn:** With the time of 4:50 and no further business, Aaron Bland made a motion to adjourn and Lauren Wise seconded the motion which carried. The meeting adjourned around 4:50 PM. The next meeting is **Monday September 12, 2016 at 4:00 pm** at the Allison-Deaver House.

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Ellen Pratt Harris, Chairman

11/9/16  
Date

  
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