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**TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY JOINT HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**  
**Special Meeting**  
**MINUTES**

**September 12, 2016, 4:00 PM**

**I. Call to Order, JHPC Chairman Ellen Pratt Harris and Transylvania County Historical Society President, Mac Morrow:**

Ellen Pratt Harris and Mac Morrow called the meeting to order. JHPC Members introduced themselves for the benefit of the Transylvania County Historical Society (TCHS). TCHS members introduced themselves for the benefit of JHPC. JHPC members attending were Ellen Pratt Harris, Jeff Mills, Marcy Thompson, Aaron Bland, John Huggins, Jeff Carter and Rick Lasater, and staff members Joy Fields and Mark Burrows. Lauren Wise and Betty Sherrill were absent (excused).

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

Ellen Pratt Harris asked if there were any suggested changes to the agenda or previous meeting minutes. No changes were required. Marcy Thompson made a motion to approve the agenda and the August 9, 2016 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by John Huggins and carried unanimously.

**III. Old Business:**

**A. Background on JHPC and TCHS –**

- Ellen Harris gave a short history of JHPC including that is a nine-member commission charged with identifying and listing local and national historic landmarks. Previously it was the Historic Preservation Commission but when Rosman, Brevard and Transylvania County collaborated it became the Joint Historic Preservation Commission. JHPC is one of 80 Certified Local Governments across NC.
- Mac Morrow gave a brief summary of how the Allison-Deaver House is a symbol of the Historical Society's mission which is: "Preserving the cultural and architectural heritage of Transylvania County through: research, restoration, documentation and interpretation."

**B. Allison-Deaver House - Partnering with the certified local government agency allowed TCHS to access the Historic Preservation Funds to address the need to prevent water intrusion from the roof window sills and siding on the north side of the house. The discoloration on the beams and walls are visual indications of water damage. To repair the roof, windows and sills, TCHS will provide 40%, or \$6,000 (including the \$1,000 provided by JHPC) while the State Historic Preservation Office will provide 60% or \$11,000.**

**C. Potential Future Partnerships – With Education being part of both TCHS and JHPC's purpose there are ample partnership opportunities.**

- Camp Ramble – The events committee of TCHS is interested in partnering with JHPC on the camp ramble. Creating a booklet for camp ramble participants is one activity for partnership. Once details are more solidified regarding the logistics of the Camp Ramble additional help may be coordinated between JHPC and TCHS.
- Barn and Church Tours – Mac Morrow mentioned that similar to the camp ramble idea, or Madison County's barn tour, tours of historical barns and churches found throughout the

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county would be great events to highlight the visible remnants of the history and educate Transylvania County residents about the history of the area.

- Marcy Thomson highlighted that the digital records of camps and other structures in the 1990-91 architectural survey of the county are now digitally recorded on Digital NC.org
  - Mark Burrows highlighted other potential partnerships including: grant support, reaching out to learn about and educate TC citizens about history would be beneficial to both JHPC and TCHS.
  - The Planning and Community Development Department in partnership with TNRC will be showing the film "Come Hell or High Water" which showcases the 1916 flood. The flood caused major damage including the Carrs Hill Church landslide and associated death. Pictures and recorded histories were used in developing the film. Rowell Bosse was instrumental in JHPC and recording the county's history through oral history recordings and historical surveys which are housed in the Rowell Bosse Room of the Transylvania County Library.
- D. NCYCA meeting – North Carolina Youth Camp Association will be holding their annual meeting September 13<sup>th</sup> in Transylvania County and Joy Fields plans to attend to informally discuss the potential of a camp ramble with a few of the camps.
- E. TCHS Reports – Financial report was given by Mac Morrow.
- TCHS received a grant from TDA to develop a new brochure of TCHS and the Allison-Deaver house.
  - October 6<sup>th</sup>, Ribbon Cutting of the Gash Train on the Allison-Deaver House grounds.
  - Cashiers Historical Society – extended an invitation to all TCHS and JHPC to tour the Zachary-Tolbert House from 9:30-2:30 pm on October 11, 2016. They have asked for people to RSVP by October 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - McGaha Chapel – was not included in the Transylvania Times Explorer, but the information was submitted.
  - Allison Reunion October 16-17. Story Telling that night so Docents will be at the house.
- IV. **New Business:**
- A. Other - none
- V. **Adjourn:** With the time of 4:50 and no further business, Marcy Thompson with TCHS made a motion to adjourn and Marcy Thompson with JHPC seconded the motion which carried. The meeting adjourned around 4:50 PM with potential for a tour. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday **October 11, 2016 at 4:00 pm** at the Community Services Building.

Joy Fields 12-5-16  
Staff Date

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Ellen Pratt Harris 12.5.16  
Ellen Pratt Harris, Chairman Date