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**Joint Historic Preservation Commission Meeting  
May 20, 2024 at 4:00 PM  
Little River Baptist Church  
51 Little River Church Road, Penrose, NC, 28766  
SPECIAL MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**I. WELCOME:** Mr. John Koury called the meeting to order at 4:02PM. Ms. Geralyn Connell, Ms. Katherine Buzby, Ms. Marcy Thompson, Ms. Ellen Harris, and Ms. Niki Ransdell, Mr. Andrew Wing and Mr. Billy Parrish were present. Ms. Nicole Bentley was absent (excused). A quorum was present. Mr. Jeff Adams, Ms. Darby Terrell, and Ms. Ashley Minery (Planning Department staff) were present. Several members of the public were present.

**II. PUBLIC COMMENT:** (15-minute time limit. Speakers are limited to three minutes) There were no public comments.

**III. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS:** Mr. Koury proposed adding "New members and exiting members" to the agenda. Ms. Thompson moved to add the proposed change as Item A. under New Business. Ms. Harris seconded the motion. All present members voted in favor and the motion carried.

**IV. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**A. Minutes (March 12, 2024)**

There was no discussion of the consent agenda. Ms. Buzby moved to approve the consent agenda as amended. Ms. Connell seconded the motion. All present members voted in favor and the motion carried.

**V. OLD BUSINESS:**

**A. The Inn at Brevard:** Staff informed the Commission the Inn at Brevard owners had been in contact. A Certificate of Appropriateness and list of contractors recommended by Preserve NC was mailed to their home in Atlanta, Georgia. Mr. Koury stated that he did not want to see the house lose its designation status. The other members agreed, and it was decided

the owners would be given more time to repair the exterior in question. The Commission also directed staff to follow up with the property owners.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. New and Leaving JHPC Members: This meeting marked the end of Ms. Thompson and Ms. Harris' terms on the board. Mr. Joury thanked them for their time and service over the years on the Joint Historic Preservation Commission. The Commission also briefly discussed potential new members and agreed to spread the word about the new vacancies.
- B. Nonprofit Grant Funding: The Commission discussed applications for funding from Transylvania County Historical Society, Transylvania Heritage Museum, and Veterans History Museum of the Carolinas. Ms. Thompson moved to grant \$6000 to the Historical Society and \$4000 to the Heritage Museum. Ms. Buzby seconded the motion. All present members voted in favor and the motion carried.
- C. America: 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration: The Commission discussed the planning process for a large event like the 250<sup>th</sup> celebration. Several members expressed their concern about JHPC's ability to plan such a large event. After a discussion of requirements for funding, it was determined a subcommittee should be formed that involves of other interested parties. This will allow JHPC to coordinate planning efforts for the celebration. Mr. Koury moved to have Ms. Minery draft a Resolution for Transylvania County Board of Commissioners to form a subcommittee as a county entity. Ms. Thompson seconded the motion and the motion carried. Ms. Connell, Mr. Koury, Ms. Thompson, and Ms. Ransdell volunteered to join the subcommittee.
- D. Staff's Report: The next regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, July 9, 2024, at 4:00PM.

**VII. PRESENTATION**

- A. May Preservation Month- Little River History: Multiple speakers presented on various subjects in Little River's History. Mr. Taylor Mackey presented the community's history of farming. Ms. Lynn Wilson presented on the history of Cascade Lake and Dam. Ms. Linda Honeycutt presented the area's first white settlers. Ms. Jean Young discussed significant homes and structures in the area. There were also several historical photo albums on display. The presentations were followed by an optional to tour the nearby Old Cascade Lake Grocery.

**VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT:** There was no public comment.

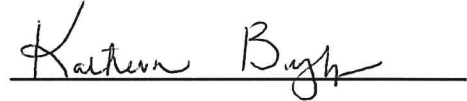
**IX. COMMISSION MEMBERS' COMMENTS:** Ms. Buzby moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr.

Thompson seconded the motion. All present members voted in favor and the meeting adjourned at 5:53PM.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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Ashley Minery, Planner

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Katherine Buzby, Secretary