

**PLANNING AND
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**TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY JOINT HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION (JHPC)
MINUTES
January 14, 2020, 4:00 PM**

- I. **Call to Order:** Chair, Rebecca Suddeth called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Members attending were Vice Chair Melanie Spreen, Ellen Harris, Jeffrey Mills, Molly Jenkins, Nancy Henderson, and Chair Rebecca Suddeth. Staff members Jason Stewart, Director of Planning and Community Development and Darby Terrell, Planner were present. Vera Taylor was absent (excused). Betty Runion was also absent
- II. **Approval of Agenda and Minutes:** Molly Jenkins moved to approve the January 14, 2020, agenda as presented and the previous meeting minutes (December 10, 2019). Jeffrey Mills seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Board decided to combine New Business point A and C into one discussion.
- III. **Old Business**
 - A. Historic Toxaway Foundation- Melanie Spreen updated the board that she is still setting up a meeting time with the Foundation. The board discussed the current and past projects the Foundation has done for Lake Toxaway.
- IV. **New Business**
 - A. Transylvania County Courthouse - Ellen Harris informed the board of the ongoing discussion with the County Commissioners and the public about the future of the Courthouse. Rebecca Suddeth suggested that this may be the perfect time to try to list the Courthouse locally. Ellen Harris advised that making this designation is within the board's powers. The board discussed making the board's position known to the County Commissioners before any decision is made on the future of the Courthouse. Rebecca Suddeth and Molly Jenkins asked members Ellen Harris and Melanie Spreen to create a draft of a formal statement of the board's position on the Courthouse. The board asked to have the draft sent to the members via email for their review before the next meeting.

Silvermont Mansion--Board then discussed how to go about making their statement of position on Silvermont. The board also discussed the need for presentations to the City of Brevard and the County Commissioners for both Silvermont and the Courthouse due to their locations within the city. The board discussed starting Silvermont as their first presentation since the National Registry's information on the History of Silvermont is more in depth than the Courhouses.
 - B. JHPC – Relocation of JHPC meeting to Library Connestee Room due to the HVAC project happening in the Community Services Building. The board discussed that they would look forward to the temporary move and suggested that they might consider switching to that location due to the size of the room.

C. North Carolina Preservation Consortium Grant- Jason Stewart advises to look into further the grant which will give funds for transcribing oral history. The board discussed and agreed to have Jason Stewart and Beth Webb to provide more information on this grant at a later date, and Rebecca Suddeth said she would discuss with Marcy at the Library for possible stories to look into for this grant.

V. **Public and Board Member Comments**

A. Rebecca Suddeth discussed the importance of the board to be proactive and understand that they cannot think of anything but putting in place what they can in order to help out future problems.


B. Nancy Henderson discussed her view on the impact of the Historic Toxaway Foundation and mentioned both positive and negative effects she has seen on the community. She said she looks forward to hearing their presentation.

VI. **Adjourn:** Rebecca Suddeth motioned to adjourn. Molly Jenkins seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned around 4:34 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled on the regular meeting date of February 11, 2020.


MINUTES APPROVED



Rebecca Suddeth, Chair



Staff



Date