# PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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# Joint Historic Preservation Commission March 8, 2022 at 4:00 PM Commissioners Chambers, 101 South Broad Street

#### **MINUTES**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

- I. Welcome: The meeting was called to order at 4:00PM. Ms. Geralyn Connell. Ms. Molly Jenkins, Ms. Hannah Detoma, Ms. Melanie Spreen, Ms. Marcy Thompson, Ms. Ellen Pratt, and Mr. John Koury were present. Ms. Rebecca Suddeth (excused) was absent. A quorum was present. Ms. Alex Cole was also in attendance. There were no members of the media present. Ms. Hannah Detoma was sworn into her Commission seat prior to the start of the meeting, by Clerk Trisha Hogan.
- II. Public Comment: (15-minute time limit. Speakers are limited to three minutes.) Ms. Alex Cole, a Historic Preservation Specialist, briefly introduced herself to the Commission. She is assisting the owners of the Bryant House in the Local Designation process. The JHPC's new member, Ms. Hannah Detoma, was also introduced to the Commission.
- **III.** Agenda Modifications: There were no agenda modifications.

# IV. Consent Agenda:

# A. Minutes (February 8, 2021)

There was no objection to the consent agenda. <u>Ms. Thompson moved to approve the consent agenda</u>. <u>Ms. Jenkins seconded the motion</u>. All present members voted in favor and the motion carried.

#### V. New Business

## A. Bryant House Application

Mr. McNeill explained that the Planning Department had received a Local Designation application for the Bryant House, located at 132 King Street, in Brevard. As established in a previous meeting, the JHPC has a specialized Designation Sub-Committee to assist homeowners through the Local Designation process. Ms. Cole offered her input on the process and possible tours of the Bryant House for JHPC members. Ms. Harris moved to accept the completed application and direct the designation committee to assist the property owner in the designation process. Mr. Koury seconded the motion. All present members voted in favor and the motion carried.

#### B. May Preservation Month

The Commission discussed various activity options for the upcoming "Preservation Month" of May. They discussed Walking Tours of Downtown Brevard, Silvermont House Tours, an event at the Allison-Deaver House, and a presentation at the Library on the African American Survey completed in 2019. They discussed the JHPC providing funds for transportation of Mr. Michael Ann Williams, who will give the presentation for the African American Survey. Ms. Jenkins moved to provide \$100 to Mr. Williams to cover the cost of his gas for the presentation. Ms. Detoma seconded the motion. All present members voted in favor and the motion carried. Ms. Thompson and Ms. Suddeth also clarified they would work in collaboration with the Transylvania County Library and Heritage Museum to publicize the events. They also discussed a public proclamation of May's "Preservation Month" status by the Transylvania County Commissioners and Brevard City Council. They directed staff to follow up on the process.

# C. City of Brevard Comprehensive Land Use Plan

The City of Brevard Planning staff will host input sessions for the their *Building Brevard:* 2030 Comprehensive Land Use Plan update. The JHPC is a Joint Commission that serves both Transylvania County and the City of Brevard, and staff has requested a member's attendance at an input session. Ms. Suddeth, Ms. Harris, Ms. Jenkins, Ms. Thompson and Mr. Koury all expressed interest in attending the session and asked for a reminder email, closer to the date, so everyone could confirm their availability.

## D. Director's Report

Ms. Minery informed the Commission of upcoming SHPO training sessions online. She also updated them on the Walking Tour Guides that had been reprinted and paid for. The next JHPC meeting will be held on Tuesday April 12, 2022 at 4:00PM in the Cooperative Extension Conference Room.

- VI. Public Comments: There were no public comments.
- VII. Commission Member Comments: Ms. Spreen explain to the Commission that the City of Brevard's new Planner would be eligible to serve on the Commission as a Member-at-Large. The Commission also discussed new methods of being alerted to Locally Designated site's changes in ownership. They discussed the possibility of being alerted through the tax office. Mr. Koury volunteered to talk to the Tax Administration Department about possible solutions. Ms. Spreen and Ms. Thompson also briefly discussed ongoing updates to the Inventory List. Ms. Thompson moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Harris seconded the motion. All present members voted in favor and the motion carried. The meeting ended at 5:15PM.

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