

# MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ALAMANCE COUNTY HISTORIC PROPERTIES COMMISSION

Tuesday March 19, 2013

## Members Present

Pat Bailey  
John Braxton  
Rodney Cheek  
Bryan Dalton  
Gale Pettiford  
Heather Wallace

## Members Absent

Jimmy Ray Cobb Jr.  
Marti Friddle  
Eric Richardson

Ida Stephens  
Jennifer Talley

## Staff Present

Jessica Hill, Planner I

## Citizens Present

Sue Dayton  
David Mickey  
Ruth Dismuke  
Mac Jordan  
others

## Call to Order

Vice-chair Heather Wallace called the March 19, 2013 meeting of the Alamance County Historic Properties Commission to order at approximately 3:30 p.m.

## Public Hearing

Freeman-Boggs-Woody Local Landmark Request: Vice-chair Heather Wallace opened the public hearing for the landmark request. Planning staff Ms. Jessica Hill read Mr. John Jordan's letter into the record, a copy can be found at the planning department. Ms. Ruth Dismuke, a former resident of the home, spoke about the history of the house and her family. Mr. Mac Jordan expressed his gratitude to Ms. Sue Dayton and Mr. David Mickey for preserving the house and sharing the history of the house. Ms. Dayton spoke about her experience restoring the house and the help that Mr. Mickey and Ms. Desmuke provided in researching the history of the house. Ms. Dayton thanked the commissioners for their interest and expressed her belief that the house should be protected and landmarked. Vice-chair Wallace closed the public hearing.

Freeman-Boggs-Woody Local Landmark Ordinance: Ms. Hill asked the commission to adopt the ordinance and recommend the designation to the Board of County Commissioners. Mr. Rodney Cheek asked why the NC SHPO could not recommend the house for local landmark designation. Ms. Hill summarized the NC SHPO's concerns but informed the commissioners that the state's comments are recommendations only. Mr. Cheek asked about the tax benefits to the landmark designation, Ms. Hill informed the board that the property would be eligible for a fifty percent tax break. Mr. Cheek asked if staff expected a large response for others to apply for designation for the sole purpose of receiving a tax break. Ms. Hill stated that the landmark process was onerous and did not expect to see an increase in designation for the purpose of receiving tax breaks. Mr. Cheek asked what would happen if the property

was sold. Ms. Hill stated that the ordinance would be recorded at the Register of Deeds and would be tied to the property. A motion was made to recommend the ordinance designating the Freeman-Boggs-Woody house as a local landmark; it was seconded and approved unanimously.

Ms. Hill informed the commissioners that the Board of Commissioners would hold a public hearing on May 6<sup>th</sup> and then could either approve it, approve it with changes or deny the designation. Ms. Hill recommended that commissioners attend the meeting. The board of commissioners thanked the public speakers.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the January 8, 2013 meeting were unanimously approved with changes.

### **Old Business**

2013 Meeting Schedule: Ms. Hill informed the commissioners that the meeting place had a conflict. Ms. Hill recommended that the commissioners change the location of the meeting. A motion was made to change the meetings to the third Tuesday of the month at 6:00 P.M. at the Board of County Commissioners room; it was seconded and approved unanimously. A motion was made to amend the by-laws to match the new meeting schedule; it was seconded and approved unanimously.

### **Announcements**

Ms. Hill informed the board of a Historic Preservation and Planning training on April 10<sup>th</sup> all day. Ms. Hill encouraged all commissioners to attend, but the commission is required to have two commissioners attend and one staff member attend training events to maintain the CLG status.

Ms. Pat Bailey asked the commissioners to adopt a resolution recognizing that Uncle Eli's Quilting Party in an important local annual event. Mr. Rodney Cheek recommended that this request be placed on the next meeting agenda; there was no opposition.

### **Adjournment**

With no further matters to discuss, the ACHPC meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Clerk to Alamance County Historic Properties Commission