

TOWN OF MAGNOLIA SPRINGS
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
TOWN HALL, MAGNOLIA SPRINGS, ALABAMA
August 7, 2014

The meeting was opened by Ken Underwood at 4:04 pm. Mr. Hinson gave the invocation, and the pledge of allegiance was recited by the members.

Members Present:

Ken Underwood
Bob Stoddard
Burt Hinson
John Cobb
David Houser

Members Absent:

Donna Esslinger
Rodney Hubble

Minutes from the June meeting were reviewed and approved. No meeting was held in July.

Commission members welcomed David Houser. Mr. Houser will serve out the term of Johanna Shields, who resigned due to health considerations. His term will end April 30, 2015.

The entrance signs to the Historic District have all been erected with the single exception of the one on Gates Avenue, which is delayed until the sidewalk is laid.

David Houser will continue to explore designs for an information kiosk for the Magnolia Landing pier. A small finger extension from the main deck out to the river will be built in late August or early September.

Bob Stoddard noted that the brown-lettered signs marking the entry points to the old county Historic District are still in place, which may be confusing now that the new signs are finished. No action was taken, and the general consensus was to leave them alone.

Some discussion followed regarding the subject of demolition, both when

requested by a homeowner and when neglect by a homeowner points to effective demolition. The secretary will email to each member a list of all the places in the Ordinance, the Design Review Guidelines, and the Rules of Procedure where the subject of demolition is mentioned. Members were asked to be prepared to suggest whether changes to any of these foundational documents is necessary to clarify our handling of intentional or neglectful demolition.

The COA from Walter Hermes regarding painting of the detached cottage on his property was considered. Paint color will match the existing paint. Minor work, approved and signed.

The next regular meeting of the Magnolia Springs Historic Preservation Commission will be held on September 4th, 2014, at four o'clock at the town hall.

Meeting adjourned at 4:52.



Bob Stoddard
Secretary



Ken Underwood
Chairman