

TOWN OF MAGNOLIA SPRINGS
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
TOWN HALL, MAGNOLIA SPRINGS, ALABAMA
DECEMBER 2, 2010

The meeting was opened by Ken Underwood at 4:05pm. Mr. Underwood gave the invocation, and the pledge of allegiance was recited by the members.

Members present:

David Lawrence
Ken Underwood
Bob Stoddard
Rodney Hubble
Donna Esslinger
John Cobb

Members absent:

Burt Hinson

Donna Esslinger moved to approve the minutes of the November meeting, seconded by John Cobb. Approved by a voice vote.

Chairman Underwood reported that the DVDs containing interviews of Gould and Mary Beech, Tim Russell, Claude Underwood, Oscar and Doris Rich, Hugh Cole, and Charles Ebert, Sr., all conducted in 1993 by Foley High School Advanced Placement students, have been duplicated and will be stored in MSHPC archives when our filing cabinet is acquired. Several other DVDs are still to be obtained and copied from the Foley Public Library.

Town Clerk Karen Biel has indicated that a two-drawer fireproof filing cabinet now being used in her office will be available to MSHPC as soon as she is able to acquire a 4-drawer model to replace it.

Mr. Underwood reported that the anticipated work on nominating the Magnolia Springs Historic Preservation District for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places, to be performed by David Schneider, is on hold until April.

Rodney Hubble reported that his project of compiling a checklist for use while considering Certificates of Appropriateness (COAs) is nearly complete, and that a rough draft will be emailed to Commission Members this week.

Donna Esslinger and Ken Underwood reported progress on finding a professional conservator to preserve and restore the album and photographs obtained from the E.Y Horder family. Ms. Esslinger had contacted the University of South Alabama, who recommended their Director of Archives, Ms. Carol Ellis. Mr. Underwood contacted Devereaux Bemis of the Mobile Historic Development Commission, who also recommended Ms. Ellis. Ms. Esslinger will follow up at the next meeting.

Mr. Underwood has continued discussions with the Magnolia Springs Community Association and the Magnolia Springs Garden Club with regard to the restoration/renovation/maintenance to be accomplished on the Community Hall. Mary Shell of the Alabama Historic Commission has indicated that funds for *planning* of the improvements could be available through our Certified Local Government. No grant would be available through this source for the actual work, however. An application for a planning grant will be mailed to us next week, with a late January deadline. Mr. Underwood will coordinate with the other two organizations on preparing the grant application.

Oral History interviews using the new digital voice recorder, and including photographs, are set to begin in January.

Rod Hubble presented a pamphlet from the Monroeville seminar which included a map and walking tour of the town. Discussion of a similar idea for Magnolia Springs was held, including the anticipated boardwalk and landing dock to be constructed on the Magnolia River. The possibility of hosting a seminar similar to the Monroeville event was discussed. Subject continued until next meeting.

The next meeting of the MSHPC will take place on January 6th, 2011, at 4:00pm at the Town Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 4:57pm.

Bob Stoddard, Secretary

Ken Underwood, Chairman