

CITY OF SPRING HILL
HISTORIC COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, February 7, 2019

MINUTES

Chairman Bill Benedict called the meeting of the City of Spring Hill Historic Commission to order at 6:20 P.M.

Present were Chairman Bill Benedict, Kate Wilson, Jared Cunningham, and Larry Ballentine.

Guests: Tom Powers, Jane Coleman, Sarah Elizabeth Hickman-McLeod, Logan Elliot Roger, and Steve Foote.

Approval of Minutes- Minutes approved

BUSINESS

Item #1: Elections of Open seats

The election of officers for open positions within the commission was discussed. Larry Ballentine agreed to take the Treasurer position. The secretarial duties will continue to be shared by the committee members.

Item #2: Certified Local Government Program Presentation

Guests Jane Coleman (TN Historic Preservation Specialist) and Sarah Elizabeth Hickman-McLeod (TN Historic Preservationist with the South Central Tennessee Development District) gave an overview of the CLG (Certified Local Government) program. According to the National Park Service website, "preservation through partnership: this is the goal of the CLG program. Local, State, and Federal governments work together in the Federal Preservation Program to help communities save the irreplaceable historic character of places. Through the certification process, communities make a local commitment to historic preservation." This program is jointly administered by the National Park Service (NPS) and the State Historic Preservation Offices (SHPOs), each local community works through a certification process to become recognized as a CLG. Once certified CLGs become an active partner in the Federal Historic Preservation Program, each community gains access to benefits of the program and agrees to follow required Federal and State requirements. Some of the benefits include funding, sustainability, and technical assistance. Bill Benedict proposed to further a discussion with the BOMA to recommend that the City take the necessary steps to become eligible for CLG, beginning with Rippavilla Plantation.

Item #3: Community Outreach and Preservation Efforts

Discussed preservation efforts for community outreach. Bill wrote an article about the history of Ferguson Hall that was featured in the Advertiser News. No updates on the lecture series. There were no updates on Rippavilla.

Item #4: Budget Initiation

Larry will meet with city accountant, Patti Amorello, to discuss the budgetary process. The group also agreed to create a list of historic properties in Spring Hill.

Round Table Discussion

NA

Bill Benedict adjourned the meeting at 8:12 pm.

TBD, Acting Secretary

William Benedict, Acting Chairman