



**FARMERSVILLE  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION  
AD HOC COMMITTEE  
Minutes for March 24, 2021**

Present at the meeting: Paul Kelly, Jim Foy, Bruce Woody, Allison Mathers and Kevin Casey.  
Absent: Tony Gray and Michael Hesse.

**Preliminary Matters**

- A. Call to order was made by Paul Kelly.
- B. Roll call was made by Kevin Casey.
- C. Recognition of visitors, no visitors present.

**Action items**

- A. Approval of the Minutes from March 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Motion made by Allison Mathers

Motion seconded by Bruce Woody

Motion carried all in favor

- B. Zoom meeting with other cities.

The Board listened and asked questions to the Craig Lindholm with City of Winnsboro and how their Draft Ordinance's for the Historic Preservation is written. Then discuss where to move forward with the City of Farmersville's Preservation.

They have guideline that are being used for process and procedures.

- Jim stated that they have spent over a year preparing this Draft Ordinance.
- Allison asked how large Winnsboro is.
- Jim added Winnsboro is about 3000 Population.
- Jim welcomed Craig Lindholm to the meeting and thanked him for doing so.
- Craig stated Winnsboro's Planning and Zoning Commission has been working on this for a little over a year with alignment with the city's Main Street program. He also stated that they've never had a Historic Overlay District until now. Craig stated what they did was take the Texas Historic Commission Ordinance and began to tweak it and make it right for the City of Winnsboro. And after several meetings they did come out with a draft but there were a few of the towns people that were against it, but now are coming around.

Craig stated the City of Farmersville is going about this the right way with the Ad Hoc Committee. Winnsboro went about it the hard way.

Winnsboro started out with a coop of partnership with their Arts District to form the Historic Preservation Commission with established the rules. It was so very important to also include the business owners. Their Commission grow from 3 member to 5 to 9 now. These are the one that put together the guidelines. The Ordinance alone does not establish guidelines.

Craig sent to Jim Foy the Draft they are working on, and Jim stated he will get that out to the Board.

- Jim asked about tax abatement.

Craig stated that they will not start with that but the Historic Preservation Commission design has a section which includes tax abatements.

- Jim asked if they started with the downtown area.
- Craig stated that was correct. After the downtown area is established then the guidelines will be put in place for residential areas. Craig stated that the gridlines will have input from the residential area as it developed.

Allison handed out information on GeorgeTown Historic District. GeorgeTown was not able to attend in the Zoom Meeting. And they are a part of the Local Government Program. The flyer reads, 10 step to become a Historic District. Allison asked the committee to take the flyer home and bullet point what is needed to start with.

- Jim stated it would be idea to start with the National Register District would be the area to start with.
- Allison stated she had to apply for a Special Use Permit through the City for her house to become a Bed and Breakfast, she stated that she was one street off the National Register District.
- Bruce stated the 380 area needs to be included in this area.
- Jim stated start with downtown first and then move outward.
- Paul Kelly said to keep on track, we need to as a group start with the National Register District down town and work with it and make sure everyone is happy with what is going on and then move to adding streets and other areas.

C. Chairman Kelly to report on clarification on the committee scope from the Planning and Zoning Commission

This Committee will make the recommendations to the Planning and Zoning Commission on the Committee's finding for the Ordinance.

Allison stated she thinks the document is so large that workshop will be the direction to go and break it down into sections. The Committee can start with the definitions.

Jim Foy brought up the Sign Ordinance that the City Council wanted the Committee to review and make recommendation to regarding murals on the Downtown Buildings (CA District)

Jim Foy stated that he makes a recommendation to the City Council to place a hold on all Murals at this time in the CA District until this there is a Historic Overlay Commission. Allison Mathers Seconded the recommendation.

Recommendation passed all in favor.

**Items to be placed on future agendas**

- Work shop for the Definitions for the new Ordinance.
- Consider discuss and act upon the proposed Historic District (National Register District)

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjour made by Jim Foy

Motion seconded by Allison Mathers

Chairman

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