

CHATHAM COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

**REGULAR MEETING
110 EAST STATE STREET**

ARTHUR A. MENDONSA HEARING ROOM

October 3, 2007

2:00 P.M.

MINUTES

CCHPC Members Present:

**George Cohen, Vice-Chairman
Jane A. Feiler
Vaughnette Goode-Walker
William Haynes
Stephen T. Lindell
Pamela G. Lossing
Christian Sottile
Lisa L. White**

CCHPC Members Not Present:

Daves Rossell, Chairman

CCHPC/MPC Staff Members Present:

**Ellen Harris, Historic Preservation Planner
Janine N. Person, Administrative Assistant**

I. WELCOME

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Cohen stated that he was acting as Chair in the absence of the Dr. Daves Rossell, Chairman.

III. FORM NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Ms. Harris stated that the By-Laws state that in October of every year a Nominating Committee is to be formed to make recommendations on the Chairman and Vice-Chairman election. She said that those recommendations would be presented at the November meeting, an election would be held at the December meeting, and the new or continuing officers would preside at the January meeting. She asked for three volunteers to serve on the Nominating Committee. Ms. Goode-Walker, Ms. White, and Mr. Cohen volunteered. She said that within the next month the committee should meet, and before the November meeting she would ask for a report. She asked the Nominating Committee members to present their findings at the November meeting.

IV. MEETING MINUTES – September 5, 2007

CCHPC ACTION: Mr. Lindell made a motion that the Chatham County Historic Preservation Commission approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Haynes seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

V. Video: Donovan Rypkema on Preservation Economics in Coastal Georgia, Richmond Hill, May 24, 2007. Sponsored by Coastal Georgia Regional Development Center Historic Preservation Advisory Council.

Ms. Harris stated that she had a few items to review before watching the video. There was a Preservation 101 seminar/workshop in Atlanta on September 20, and Ms. Lossing attended the event and brought back informational materials for the Commission members. She said she would make copies of the material and hand them out at the next meeting.

Ms. Lossing stated that it was informative and that she brought back the main information on each of the topics.

Ms. Harris gave an update on the Isle of Hope Historic District and said a neighborhood meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 8, 2007, at 6:00 p.m. She said she will be reviewing the process, explaining what it will mean, and answering questions or concerns. It will held be at the Speedwell United Methodist Church in Sandfly. There will be a follow up meeting at the MPC on October 15 at 6:00 p.m. of the Design Guidelines Committee, composed of residents to help develop design guidelines.

Mr. Cohen asked how the notice was given.

Ms. Harris stated this is not the official public meeting but the neighborhood association meeting and she is notifying individuals by email, IOH newsletter, personal invitations, sign postings, and the media. When the public hearing takes place, every resident will receive written notification, there will be three consecutive published public notices in the newspaper, and there will be signs posted.

She displayed a sample of a new sign that will be posted for a public meeting. She said, as described in the Procedural Manual, whenever there is a public meeting the signs will be posted at four of the main streets in any district. The yellow "H" on the sign (for Historic) is a test run for all of the public signs to indicate what the sign is for, and they will be posted on metal stakes. She stated that Pin Point turned in their application and it should come before the Commission before the end of the year.

She showed a presentation that was given by Donovan Rypkema on Preservation Economics in Coastal Georgia. She said that he is an internationally renowned preservation economist and an excellent speaker. The presentation was also available on the Coastal Georgia RDC website, and that RDC is providing DVD's upon request. The presentation lasted approximately 40 minutes.

Mr. Cohen stated that the date of the next meeting is Wednesday, November 7, 2007, at 2:00 p.m.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Chatham County Historic Preservation Commission, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ellen Harris,
Preservation Planner

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