



Chatham County Historic Preservation Commission

Hybrid
Wednesday, March 2, 2022
Final Agenda

March 2, 2022 Chatham County Historic Preservation Commission

I. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

[1. Commission and Staff Member Introductions](#)

Bernita Small - retired, former City employee
MarRhonde Lumpkin-Lotson - City of Savannah, Economic Development
Ronald Horton - former Savannah Millwork owner, though still involved
Wendy Picone - new to Savannah from Hudson, Ohio for seven years. Retired from IBM.
Patricia Hackney - from North Ga, in Savannah for many years.

II. SIGN POSTING

III. CONSENT AGENDA

IV. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

[2. Adopt the March 2, 2022 Meeting Agenda](#)

Motion

Adopt March 2, 2022 CCHPC Meeting Agenda as presented.

Vote Results (Approved)

Motion: Ronald Horton

Second: Patricia Hackney

Patricia Hackney - Aye

Ronald Horton - Aye

MarRonde Lumpkin-Lotson - Aye

Wendy Picone - Aye

Bernita Smalls - Aye

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

VI. ITEM(S) REQUESTED TO BE REMOVED FROM THE FINAL AGENDA

VII. CONTINUED AGENDA

VIII. REQUEST FOR EXTENSION

IX. REGULAR AGENDA

3. Commission's Purpose

Ms. Michalak informed the Commission of their purview: Covers unincorporated Chatham County, none of the City, Pooler, Tybee, Garden City or any incorporated areas.

Unincorporated Chatham County has never been comprehensively surveyed. About 250 potential historic areas surveyed; not since since the 1990s. Divided into varying areas: Back Barrier Islands, River and Coastal Barrier Islands, South East Chatham, and South West Chatham.

Ms. Michalak asked the Commission to identify resources important to you and community so that a list can be compiled and reviewed.

4. Unincorporated Chatham County - Boundaries, Districts, Properties, and Comprehensive Plan

📎 [Chatham County Historic Resources Maps.pdf](#)

📎 [QOLChapter.pdf](#)

📎 [Plan2040-starts at pg 635.pdf](#)

Ms. Michalak stated Plan 2040 was adopted in October 2021. The Quality of Life chapter encompasses the Historic and Cultural Resources. It provides a brief introduction of the Oglethorpe Plan for the City. Still working on protecting historic areas and structures, particularly those at risk due to climate change.

Ms. Michalak encouraged the Commission to start to identify sites of historic significance previously underrepresented and archeological resources.

National Historic Districts currently established in unincorporated Chatham County: Fort Pulaski National Monument, Wormslow Plantation, Bethesda Boys Home, Isle of Hope District, Ossabaw Island, and the Savannah and Ogeechee Canal.

Properties that are registered as historic: Eureka Club, Fort James Jackson, Lebanon Plantation, The Old Ogeechee Baptist Church and Wild Heron Plantation.

Locally registered historic district: Pennyworth Island in 2011 and Isle of Hope Missionary Baptist Church in 2019. Other districts are Pin Point, Maridon, and Sandfly Baptist Church.

GOALS

- 1) Surveying and updates: a grant application submitted with County Commission's match to survey and resurvey 500 resources. Decision will be provided in May 2022. Resurvey the identified 250 to reestablish their integrity, and identify 250, as 500 is the maximum. The MPC will manage the grant; hopeful to start in the summer of 2022.
- 2) Incorporate affordable housing strategies.
- 3) Incorporate community health issues.
- 4) Identify and address climate resilience strategies and incorporate into a climate resiliency plan.
- 5) Broaden historic efforts to incorporate underrepresented groups.
- 6) Expand heritage tourism in Chatham County.
- 7) Promote public awareness of archeology.

The Overarching Ordinance will be reviewed and modified as needed.

5. Bylaws Review and Proposed Amendments

[☞ County Preservation Bylaws - DRAFT 2-25-2022.doc](#)

Ms. Michalak recommended the Commission to review and suggest any needed changes.

Ms. Michalak stated the Commissions's purview is from the public's right-of-way.

Ms. Michalak reviewed the meeting process, agenda, and Commission conduct. Special called meetings, rules based on Robert's Rules of Order, attendance, conflict of interest, discussion, committees, etc.

6. Procedural Manual Review and Proposed Amendments

[☞ CCHPC Procedural Manual - DRAFT 2-25-2022.docx](#)

Ms. Michalak stated the Procedural Manual details the all of the meeting procedures, agenda organization, and policies.

7. Ordinance Review and Proposed Amendments

[☞ CcHistoricPreservationOrdinance - DRAFT 2-25-2022.docx](#)

Ms. Michalak stated there are many resources (tangible and intangible) that need protection. Cemeteries, districts, properties, buildings, sites, cultural landscapes, or combination of. Certificates of Appropriateness, public notice by signage, undue hardships, appeals, demolition by neglect, etc.

Compile all proposed amendments for review and consideration.

X. APPROVED STAFF REVIEWS

XI. NOTICES, PROCLAMATIONS, AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

XII. OTHER BUSINESS

8. Nominate a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson (Vote at next meeting)

Ronald Horton - nomimated self as Chair

MarRhonde Lumpkin-Lotson - nominated self as Vice-Chair

There were no other nominations.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

9. Next Regular Meeting: May 4, 2022 @ 3pm

10. Adjourn

Motion

Adjourn the March 2, 2022 CCHPC meeting.

Vote Results (Approved)

Motion: Ronald Horton

Second: Bernita Smalls

Patricia Hackney	- Aye
Ronald Horton	- Aye
MarRonde Lumpkin-Lotson	- Aye
Wendy Picone	- Aye
Bernita Smalls	- Aye

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