

**Minutes
Regular Meeting of the Historic Commission
City of Chattahoochee Hills
February 8, 2021
6:30 p.m.**

Call to Order

Allison Duncan called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Present were Allison Duncan, Sarah Love, Gene Griffith, Brian Gross, Amber Lightsey, and Kim Taylor-Cloud. Not present was Lila Rhyne. A quorum was represented. The meeting was held via videoconference/ teleconference.

Approval of Agenda

There were no changes proposed to the Agenda.

Motion: Sarah Love

Second: Brian Gross

The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of the January 11, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion: Gene Griffith

Second: Sarah Love

The motion passed unanimously.

Items for Consideration

1. Approval of Proposed Conditions for Ted Wansley's request to metal detect for artifacts in City Parks

Brian Gross suggested the official Chattahoochee Hills city logo be placed on metal detecting signage. Sarah Love recommended the word "artifacts" change to "anomalies" to cover a broader range of items potentially found while metal detecting. Allison Duncan reiterated that the conditions document is advisory only; Mayor and Council make final decision as to what to include in the permitting requirements; and the Historic Commission (HC) was happy to participate in this effort. Allison Duncan added that other city commissions' comments included a need to protect sensitive environmental habitats (e.g. endangered species and rock outcroppings). Gene Griffith observed that the Proposed Conditions may need to be modified in the future. The HC will revisit the document as needed if asked.

Brian Gross made a motion to send Proposed Conditions document draft to Parks Commission and City Staff.

Second: Gene Griffith

The motion passed unanimously.

2. Campbellton Master Plan (CMP) Recommendations

Allison Duncan noted that since there are specific recommendations in the CMP pertaining to Historic Preservation, the HC will need to begin considering what it

may help advance at the commission level. Allison Duncan and Kim Taylor-Cloud commented that the consultant's price to stabilize and restore the Beavers house/property is rather high; the actual price should be much lower since the Beavers House is not expected to get a museum-quality restoration. Once the Historic Structure Report by Joe Smith and his students is completed, there will be a better understanding of what is left of the actual historic fabric of the structure.

Kim Taylor-Cloud asked if the Campbellton District would be on any type of historic register, national or city. Amber Lightsey inquired about other historic structures in the Old Campbellton area; will the HC need to be involved with those at any capacity? Allison Duncan noted that designated historic structures are mostly in Chattahoochee Hills. Allison Duncan asked if the HC would want to consider a joint meeting with South Fulton's Historic Commission at some point in the future.

Allison Duncan will try and secure a complete CMP document for the HC before the next meeting, when the CMP discussion continues.

Items for Discussion

1. Update on Beavers House Historic Structure Report

Georgia State University's Joe Smith and students will be out at the Beavers House in February and March, and they have a date set in May for a presentation. Details will follow.

2. Update on Cochran Mill Park Public History Day

Parks Commission may partner in the CMP Public History Day. The event will be pushed back to a fall date due to ongoing Covid concerns.

3. Update on Development Applications

Kim Taylor-Cloud offered a brief update on Serenbe Conservation easements, with property being added in after an analysis was done of actual property owned.

4. Update on Landscape Surveys at City-Owned Historic Sites

Allison Duncan asked if Gene Griffith and Amber Lightsey want to get a date on the calendar to begin the landscape surveys. Does the HC want to include the Old Campbellton District? Gene Griffith recommended focusing on city-owned historic properties for now. Allison Duncan is collecting survey boundaries for the city-owned historic structures/properties, and she will follow up with an email to secure a date to begin the landscape surveys.

Commission Member Comments/Suggestions

Councilmember Laurie Searle wanted to keep the HC in the loop on efforts to clean up and landscape cemeteries on Bouckaert's Farm property. Some families with ties to the Old Campbell County Historical Society group are

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interested in working on this. Allison Duncan noted that per the city attorney's recommendation, neither the city nor the HC has any legal right to enter onto a private property because of a cemetery on that property; however, at a personal capacity and with permission from the landowner, people are welcome to donate time cleaning/inventorying cemeteries on their own.

Based on comments from the Cochran Mill Park RTP grant report, Ken Langley has offered to take anyone interested in an off-the-beaten-path tour of Cochran Mill Park. A date will be set when the weather warms.

Allison Duncan announced that the Mayor will be deciding on commission reappointments in March, so please contact her if a member of the HC needs to step down.

Adjournment

Motion: Sarah Love

Second: Amber Lightsey

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Approved this 12th day of April, 2021.

Allison Duncan, Chair

Attest:

**Dana Wicher, City Clerk
(Seal)**