

HERITAGE PRESERVATION, INC.
Minutes of meeting, 12-13-10

Those present: Lee Freeman, Jerry Dowd, Brett Wood, Betty Champion, Laura Connolly, Mary Peck, Teryl Shields, Vince Brewton, Judy Tiffin, Billy Warren

1. Billy Warren expressed the Board of Directors' sympathy to Board member Iva McClure in the passing of her husband, Chester McClure. Billy reported that the book *North America the Beautiful* by Galen Rowell, has been placed in the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library in Chester's memory.
2. Vince Brewton made the motion that the minutes of the 10-25-10 and 11-22-10 meetings be approved. Jerry Dowd seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
3. Billy Warren presented the following financial report:
 - a. November 22, 2010:

i. Checking Account Balance	\$2,009.54
ii. Forks of Cypress Account Balance	\$3,234.78
iii. FDR Fund Account Balance	\$5,000.00
iv. Bailey Springs Account Balance	\$1,168.65
 - b. December 13, 2010:

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4. In the absence of Bob Torbert, there was no Cemetery/Habitat/Cunningham Archives report.
5. Betty Champion, Lee Freeman and Billy Warren, as members of the City of Florence's Walk of Honor Committee, reported a very successful Induction Ceremony on Tuesday, November 23. These four individuals, who have achieved nationally and/or internationally, were inducted:
 - a. Don Leslie Michael
 - b. Michael Mobbs
 - c. Stanley Robbins
 - d. Bennett W. Smith

Billy noted that an astounding number of people from Florence/Lauderdale County have brought national/international honor to our city/county.

6. Billy Warren distributed copies of an article from the 11-24-10 issue of the *Times-Daily* entitled "Archives talk to be more inclusive." He explained that he attended a meeting on

11-23-10 involving certain City Council members, two staff members from the Alabama Department of Archives and History, and other local people interested in the establishment of a Florence-Lauderdale Archival Center. The meeting was arranged by Dick Jordan who also presided over it. From the discussion at that meeting, it appears fairly certain that we will, at some point, have an Archival Center!

At the next meeting, a representative from the Lauderdale County Commission, a representative from the archival department of Collier Library, a representative from the public library, a person involved in the Florence City School District's archival collection, and the director of the city's museums will be invited to attend so that conversation can begin on how the proposed Florence-Lauderdale Archival Center might work collaboratively with these various agencies.

7. Billy Warren distributed paper copies of an email that he received from Larry Faulkner, the leader of the charge toward the restoration of Camp Westmoreland. Since HPI is the fiscal agent for the Westmoreland project, the email lists these two very interesting websites which document the project:
 - a. <http://www.campwestmorelandbsa.org/picture51.jpg>
 - b. www.campwestmorelandbsa.org
8. Brett Wood distributed and reviewed a summary that he wrote based on a recent radio program which highlighted the efficacy of restoring an older home instead of building a new one. Specifically, it made the case that restoring an older home is "greener" than building a new one – especially if the new one is far away from amenities that are already in place (e.g., sidewalks, restaurants, parks, theaters). All in attendance at today's meeting agreed that whole new "talking points" in favor of historic preservation were brought to the fore in this report by Brett.

Vince Brewton suggested that other conversations, in addition to the one that Brett reported, have taken place on restoration as part of the "green" movement. Billy Warren stated that he will go on line to try to find other such conversations; others present today agreed to do the same thing.

9. Teryl Shields:
 - a. Stated that First Friday in December had fewer vendors but had more merchants open later in the evening for business;
 - b. Reported that the tree lighting by Mayor Irons in Wilson Park and the performance by the Forest Hill Elementary School Show Choir (both on Friday, December 3, the same night as First Friday) were extremely well attended;
 - c. Reported a very successful Christmas parade on Friday, December 10, with lots of children, marching bands, beautiful floats and Santa Claus; and
 - d. Stated that Cobblestone Construction is now beginning to build another infill house at 316 Hermitage Drive.
10. After the Board discussed the matter, Betty Champion made the motion that HPI renew the annual gift subscription to *National Trust* magazine for the Florence-Lauderdale

Public Library. Judy Tiffin seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

11. For the annual meeting of HPI on Sunday, January 16, 2011, these people agreed to supply refreshments:
 - a. Punch – Betty Champion
 - b. Sweet/Non-Sweet Items: Mary Peck, Judy Tiffin, Billy Warren
12. Billy Warren reminded the group that there are two vacancies on the 15-member Board of Directors of HPI:
 - a. Replacement for the late Jim Ingrum (one-year unexpired term), and
 - b. Replacement for Charlotte Dean (full three-year term; class of 2013)

Betty Champion nominated Teryl Shields to fill Jim Ingrum's unexpired term. With no other nominations coming from the floor, Betty made the motion that Teryl be nominated by acclamation. Mary Peck seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. If, when Teryl is contacted she accepts the nomination, her name will be presented for a vote at the annual meeting on January 16.

These four people were nominated to fill the three-year term described above:

- Dick Jordan
- Harry Wallace
- John Raney
- Kevin Jangaard

Vince Brewton made the motion that the nominations cease. Betty Champion seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Each person voted on the four in his/her own rank order. Billy Warren agreed to contact the person who received the most first place votes. If that person accepts the nomination, he will be on the slate for election at the annual meeting on January 16. If not, Billy will contact the person with the most second place votes, etc.

13. At the meeting on 11-22-10, the nominations were made for the 2011 Capital Award.

Billy Warren will send these names by email to all Board members to get a "yea" or "nay" vote on each. He will compile the results and email them to all Board members. The awards will be presented at the annual HPI meeting on Sunday, January 16, 2011.

14. In rank order, these are the suggestions from Board members for the program at the annual meeting:
 - a. A panel discussion on the proposed Florence-Lauderdale Archival Center, with the panel comprised of a representative from some or all of the following:
 - i. HPI,
 - ii. Collier Library,
 - iii. Florence-Lauderdale Public Library,
 - iv. Department of Arts and Museums, and

- v. Various House Museums (e.g., Rosenbaum House, W. C. Handy Home);
or
- b. A panel discussion on the restoration of older structures and the current emphasis on “green.”