

7. Billy Warren distributed copies of a photograph made in 1984 inside the Martin-Bounds House. The occasion was the birth of Heritage Preservation, Inc. In the photograph are HPI's founders: Jack Pounders, Becky Mauldin, Harry Herndon, Miles Carter, Ike Hibbett, Jo Carter, Marie Shanks, Cissy Pounders, and Bob Lott.
8. Billy Warren distributed copies of an article from the March-April, 2010, issue of *Preservation Report* entitled "Bryce Hospital's Floor Plan Makes it a Place That Matters." It shows the floor plan of the hospital in 1852 by renowned architect Samuel Sloan and his partner, John Stewart. The article notes that the design of Bryce was copied far and wide as the hospital became the primary design model used for 100+ U.S. and Canadian asylums. The design of the structure has not been altered, and it is now targeted for a big restoration project.
9. In a discussion, all agreed that infill construction (i.e., construction of new structures within a given historic neighborhood) is an important facet of historic preservation. Such new structures must be built in a style compatible with surrounding architecture. In that vein, Billy Warren reported that Benji Wilson and Todd Scarborough, partners in the firm known as Cobblestone Construction, have built one house at 813 Prospect Street, with four more under construction: two on West Alabama Street and two on North Cedar Street. Of the five, three are already sold. The first of these infill houses, 813 Prospect, caught the eye of the staff at *Southern Living* magazine. From that, Cobblestone Construction is now the official *Southern Living* homebuilder for northwest Alabama! HPI applauds this company for its sensitive infill construction projects.
10. Billy Warren reported that 25 houses are on the current demolition list of the City of Florence. Four are in historic districts:
 - a. 427 North Cherry Street – Cherry Street Historic District
 - b. 617 North Cherry Street – Cherry Street Historic District
 - c. 416 North Cypress Street – Locust Street Historic District
 - d. 455 North Cypress Street – Locust Street Historic District

Since HPI is the authorizing agency recognized by the state to respond to plans for the destruction of structures within historic districts, officials at Florence City Hall have requested that HPI write a letter approving the razing of the four houses.

Betty Champion made the motion that approval be given for removing the four houses listed above. Lee Freeman seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

11. Billy Warren circulated a copy of a two-page document that was found in an attic in Texas. It is thought to represent the documented birth of downtown Florence – Madison County, Mississippi Territory. The original document is owned by the Alabama Department of Archives and History. To celebrate this important piece of Alabama history, Dr. Ed Bridges, Head of the Department of Archives and History, will be at the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library for an unveiling ceremony on October 12, 2010, at 5:30 p.m. The event is co-hosted by Downtown Florence Unlimited, the public library, Councilman Dick Jordan and the Alabama Department of Archives and History.

Afterwards, the document will be on display for a period of time in the secure display case at the library.

To assist with this event, Betty Champion made the motion that HPI donate \$200. Lee Freeman seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

12. Teryl Shields made this report for Florence Main Street:
 - a. The renovation of Mobile Plaza is now officially completed. A dedication ceremony is being considered.
 - b. Save the Day, a new stationer's shop, is now open in the former Wilson's Fabric Center building on North Court Street.
 - c. Teryl is the chairman of the 2010 Christmas parade which is set for December 10. Plans call for an intern from UNA to assist with the planning and execution of the parade.
 - d. First Friday is more popular each month, with attendance and vendor participation also growing at a fast clip.