

HERITAGE PRESERVATION, INC.
Minutes of Meeting, 7-26-10

Those present: Lee Freeman, Bob Torbert, Teryl Shields, Brett Wood, Betty Champion, Iva McClure, Hester Cope, Vince Brewton, Jerry Dowd, Carolyn Waterman, Mary Peck, Billy Warren

1. Vince Brewton made the motion that the minutes of the 6-28-10 meeting be approved. Jerry Dowd seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

2. Billy Warren presented this financial report:

a. Checking Account Balance	\$2,812.94
b. Forks of Cypress Project Balance	\$3,234.78
c. FDR Fund Balance	\$5,000.00
d. Bailey Springs Project Balance	\$1,942.40

Bob Torbert made the motion that the report be approved. Vince Brewton seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

3. Bob Torbert:
 - a. Reported that Jim Ingrum has access to six stone supports for tabletop grave markers and has offered them for repair work on just such a marker in the Florence City Cemetery that is in need of repair;
 - b. Reported that the owners of the property on which the Peters family cemetery is located (just off Gunwaleford Road) have no plans for harming the cemetery – in fact, they are planning to clean the cemetery this fall;
 - c. Stated that materials are being donated or significantly discounted and that labor is being provided free of charge for Habitat for Humanity’s construction of the Girls’ Attention Home on the corner of Park and Plum Streets;
 - d. Asked for assistance with the sale of the current Girls’ Attention Home which is located in the 400 block of East Tombigbee Street; and
 - e. Reported that the Shoals Chapter of Habitat for Humanity has now constructed 60 houses and five communal living homes for Arc of the Shoals.
4. For those who might not have been present at the meeting on 6-28-10, Billy Warren exhibited a color photograph of the diminutive clinic building (c.1844) in Waterloo which deserves to be restored and moved to the grounds of the Newman-Culver Museum. Iva McClure reported that nothing has yet developed in that regard.
5. Mary Peck reported that plans still call for the razing of the small house next door to her on East Tuscaloosa Street.
6. Billy Warren distributed copies of an editorial which appeared in the 7-18-10 issue of the *Times-Daily* in support of the establishment of a Shoals Archival Center. Everyone present expressed excitement over the editorial endorsement of the dream that HPI and

other local groups and individuals have been promoting for a long while.

7. Billy Warren distributed copies of an article from the July-August, 2010, edition of *Preservation Report*, the bi-monthly newsletter of the Alabama Historical Commission. The article applauds the Alabama State Legislature and Gov. Bob Riley for the enactment of Senate Bill 71, which gives Native American burials the same protection that all other burials in the state have. It passed unanimously in both the Senate and the House and was signed into law by the Governor on April 30, 2010. That's excellent!
8. For Florence Main Street, Teryl Shields made this report:
 - a. First Friday in July (Friday, July 1) was huge! There were 90 vendors, with some of them spread onto East Tombigbee Street. Attendance was excellent. As of today, there are 58 vendors already registered for August 7.
 - b. Mid-August is the target date for completion of the renovation of Mobile Plaza. A section of the Plaza will be available for use for Handy's on the Plaza during the W. C. Handy Music Festival and for First Friday on August 7.
 - c. The W. C. Handy Festival opened with a parade on Friday, July 30. There were 80 entries in the parade and an estimated crowd of 5,000 people in attendance. That's terrific!
 - d. Jessica Satkamp has painted the front façade of the former Wilson's Fabric Center on Court Street. The building now houses her business entitled "Save the Day."
 - e. Melissa Bailey, head of the Florence City Planning Department, stated that getting prior approval for changes to exteriors of commercial buildings listed on the National Register includes change of paint color(s). Color choices are submitted to Melissa's office, and Mike Fountain suggests approval or disapproval. Generally, a person wishing to change an exterior color is safe to select color(s) from the historical collection of Benjamin Moore Paints.
9. Vince Brewton suggested that HPI work with City Hall officials in drafting an ordinance regarding the length of time that a city-owned garbage can might stay at streetside before having to be moved out of sight by the property owners. There was agreement that such an ordinance is needed; therefore, there will be further discussion of this issue at a future meeting(s).
10. Billy Warren agreed to check HPI files to determine who might still owe dues for the calendar year of 2010. He will report his findings at the August, 2010, meeting. Then there will be further discussion of this issue.
11. As an update on UNA's Master Plan, Billy Warren noted these three points from an article in a recent issue of the *Times-Daily*:
 - a. UNA has contracted with a consulting firm specifically to study the student housing issue.
 - b. Reference was made to the varsity tennis court site on Hermitage Drive as a possible location for student housing.

- c. Construction of student housing could start well ahead of other construction since students pay to live in the housing, making such structures income-producing (unlike, say, a new science building which produces no revenue).

It was agreed that HPI will continue to monitor the Master Plan as it moves forward.

12. Billy Warren reported that we now have on hand 50 new copies of the DVD, "Follow the River: A History of Florence and Lauderdale County." Jerry Dowd stated that he has a new resource from which we might get the next batch of this DVD duplicated at a minimal cost. Jerry volunteered to keep local museums and, perhaps, other sites stocked with the DVD. Thanks very much, Jerry!