

HERITAGE PRESERVATION, INC.
Minutes of Meeting, 9-27-10

Those present: Brett Wood, Betty Champion, Hester Cope, Jerry Dowd, Judy Tiffin, Bob Torbert, Teryl Shields, Laura Connolly, Lee Freeman, Mary Peck, Ashley Winkle, Gunnor Winkle, Iva McClure, Dick Jordan, Carolyn Waterman, Billy Warren, Vince Brewton

1. The group welcomed seven-week-old Gunnor Winkle to his very first meeting with Heritage Preservation, Inc.! He's obviously a bright, handsome young man.
2. Iva McClure made the motion that the minutes of the 8-23-10 meeting be approved. Ashley Winkle seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
3. Billy Warren presented this financial report:

a. Checking Account Balance	\$2,323.54
b. Forks of Cypress Account Balance	\$3,234.78
c. FDR Account Balance	\$5,000.00
d. Bailey Springs Project Balance	\$1,942.40

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

4. Bob Torbert reported that the new facility constructed by the Shoals Chapter of Habitat for Humanity to house the Girls' Attention Home (corner of Plum and Park Streets) is completed except for painting – which is currently underway – and the installation of a driveway and sidewalks (also underway). There was applause for Bob and his co-workers in the Habitat organization.
5. Billy Warren distributed copies of the letter which he wrote to Mary Allison, City of Florence Development Office, granting permission for four houses in historic districts to be razed: 427 and 617 North Cherry Street and 416 and 455 North Cypress Street.
6. Billy Warren reported that two of the four houses listed in #5 above (427 North Cherry Street and 455 North Cypress Street) will not be razed at this time because owners of these two houses have told city officials that they plan to repair them.
7. Billy Warren distributed copies of the 2010 Alabama Renaissance Faire poster to everyone present who wished to have a copy(s).
8. Lee Freeman:
 - a. Reported that the second annual historical re-enactment, "Walkin' With Outlaws," which was held in downtown Florence on Monday and Tuesday, September 6 and 7, was a real success with approximately 90 total people attending the two evenings of the event;

- b. Distributed copies of a flyer advertising “Generations: A Basic Genealogy Seminar,” a free workshop to be held at the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library on Saturday, October 30, 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.; and
 - c. Distributed copies of a flyer advertising “Dancing With Skeletons,” a genealogy workshop (fee: \$20 per person) to be held at the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library on Friday, October 1, 6 p.m. until 10 p.m.
9. Billy Warren distributed copies of a description of “Mooca,” a wrought iron cow purchased by the Design Committee of Florence Main Street as part of the St. Francis Project at Trinity Episcopal Church. The cow is currently being painted the colors of the Italian flag with her name superimposed over it; students in the art classes of Pat Reaves (Florence Middle School) and Kathy Townsend (Florence Freshman Center) are doing the painting. Mooca, like other cows purchased by individuals, businesses and organizations, will be on display from September 30 through October 31 in both 2010 and 2011; then she will be put out to pasture at Deibert Park.
10. Billy Warren distributed copies of the list of 13 historic homes in downtown Florence to be featured in the 2011 calendar being developed by the Design Committee of Florence Main Street. He noted that, as in the past, the 13 houses are varied in location and in architectural styles.
11. Dick Jordan announced that yet another large, old tree in Wilson Park is being removed today as a probable result of the extended period of drought. Everyone expressed sorrow over the loss of this tree, the second, in Wilson Park to be removed in recent weeks.
12. Billy Warren displayed a 3’ x 5’ version of Florence’s official flag, duplicated from the original that was created years ago by Ms. Lizzie Hitchcock Cole, a longtime teacher in Florence City Schools. Billy explained that the Design Committee of Florence Main Street is considering the duplication of this flag as a gift of public art to the city of Florence so it can be flown at all public buildings. Brett Wood suggested that copies of it also be offered for sale to the general public since some people might like to mount it on the exterior of their homes.
13. Teryl Shields made this report for Florence Main Street:
 - a. The monthly First Friday event is this Friday, October 1, from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. in downtown Florence.
 - b. The Christmas Parade is scheduled for Friday evening, December 10, in downtown Florence.
 - c. The Sears, Roebuck/Martin Industries building on East Tennessee Street has been razed. (Billy Warren noted that it stood approximately 60 years, the average time that a building lasts in America according to studies done by the National Trust for Historic Preservation.)
 - d. An engineering firm is a new business in downtown Florence. It is located on an upper floor in the city-county government building – formerly the home of First Southern Bank.

- e. Save the Day, a stationer's shop, is now open for business in the former Wilson's Fabric Center building on North Court Street. The front façade, paint for which HPI provided, has now been repainted in a historic color.
 - f. Jewel's Boutique and Accessories has had a very successful opening in the former New Experience dress shop building on Court Street.
 - g. Laura Ivie, an intern from UNA with deep interest in city planning and historic preservation, began work today in the Florence Main Street office.
14. Carolyn Waterman reported that invitations are being mailed momentarily to the unveiling of the rare document related to the very early history of Florence. This event, for which HPI serves as a co-sponsor, is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 12, at the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library. A reception will follow the unveiling ceremony.