

Bowdon Historic Preservation Commission - Minutes of 1/3/22 meeting

The Bowdon Historic Preservation Commission met Jan. 3, 2022 in the new city offices complex. Attending were members Hal Lovvorn, Phil Coley, Mary Mallory, Jon Watts and Bill Fordham and Main Street Director Jan Gibbs who is a consultant to the commission. No members of the general public were present.

The agenda for the meeting was adopted by a unanimous vote.

Jan welcomed Phil Coley as the newest member of the commission. He was appointed by the Mayor and Council to the unexpired term of Denise Rowell.

Minutes of the August 30, 2021 meeting were approved as presented.

In an update on a historical district survey, Mary said we need to decide the parameters to be included, what areas will be contained in the district. Jan said we maybe should find someone who can do this, what it would cost. By the February meeting, we were asked to decide what we want to include in the survey.

Hal asked that we develop a mission statement for the HPC, with Mary adding that we need to know and define what our purpose is. It was requested that each member write out a purpose statement for the next meeting.

Jan said the HPC needs to be apparent to the public so that residents of the city know its role and function. She suggested developing an information brochure about the HPC.

A discussion under new business centered on the paint colors to be approved for the exterior of buildings downtown with emphasis on discouraging black as a main color and instead maybe using Sherwin Williams (or similar) historic colors. Jan said we need to always tell them why.

Mary asked in general comments should we be about the business of interfering with business.

Jan said that she would compose a policy of guidelines reference to the exterior paint colors and send out to commission members for discussion at the next meeting.

The next meeting was set for Monday, Feb. 7, 2022.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote.