

Minutes
Mt Lebanon Historic Preservation Board
Monday March 18, 2013. 5 p.m.
Mt Lebanon Municipal Building

Attendance: Yvette Yescas, chair; Joel Cluskey, vice-chair, Bill Callahan, Bonnie VanKirk, Pat Calvelo, Michelle Zmijanac, Matt Kluck, commissioner. Absent: Joe Dimperio, Susan Morgans, staff liaison (excused).

Call to Order: Yvette Yescas called meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.

Citizen Comment: There was no citizen comment.

Consideration of February 18, 2013 minutes: Minutes were passed unanimously

Chair's Report:

—We are waiting to hear that Harrisburg has received MRS and when they will make a site visit. Laura Ricketts' spreadsheet was fixed; all information is correct. Approximately, 24 percent of properties are non-contributing. Bill Callahan and Yvette Yescas might review some non-contributing properties that could be converted to contributing. Committee in Harris meets biweekly; Yvette will update us.

—Joe Dimperio's term concludes March 31. We are grateful for his two terms of service.

Commission Liaison Report: No report

Staff Liaison Report: No report.

Review of 3 Year plan: The broad goals of the plan are basically the same as the original plan presented to the Commission in 2010, even though there may be some specific recommended actions not originally included. The plan needs some revision to make it easier to read—Joel Clusky suggested the plan take the form of an "executive summary" of broad objectives, some bullets points for specific actions the commission might take and some supporting material. Based on a lively discussion about things that should be included, Bonnie VanKirk, Pat Calvelo and Yvette Yescas will update the plan and submit it as a draft to Keith McGill. Keith will use the document to decide how the historic preservation board should be included in the comprehensive plan. At the next meeting, the board will take a formal vote on the revised version of the plan, which also has been submitted to Commissioner Kluck. Commissioner Kluck will then make arrangements for the board to speak to the Commission about the 3-year plan in a future discussion session. At that session, the board representatives will make it clear that there are a number of ways the Commission could preserve our cultural resources and the use historic preservation as an economic development tool. Choices range from a

general preservation ordinance and creation of a historic review commission to preservation zoning to the creation of local historic districts.

Continuing Business:

—There is no update on McMillan House, which the Historical Society wishes to purchase. Commissioner Kluck says there might be a way to create an ordinance to provide for an organization with historic preservation aims to purchase a municipal property even if it is not the highest bidder. He said the Commission is in favor of the Historical Society purchasing the building.

—Bill Callahan still wants to do a magazine article on planning. Michelle Zmijanac will do article that summarizes last 10 years of preservation board. Timing is just bad.

—Commissioner Kluck expects the SpringHill Suites uptown to be finished this summer. The exterior will be finished last.

Other Business: Bill Callahan will present his PowerPoint at the next meeting and the board will finalize the preservation plan.

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm. The next meeting is Monday, May 20 at 5 p.m.