

Minutes
Mt Lebanon Historic Preservation Board
Monday June 17, 2013. 5 p.m.
Mt Lebanon Municipal Building

Attendance: Yvette Yescas, chair; Joel Cluskey, vice-chair, Michelle Zmijanac, Jim Martin, Matt Kluck, commission liaison, Susan Morgans, staff liaison

Call to Order: Yvette Yescas called meeting to order at 5:08 p.m.

Citizen Comment: There was no citizen comment.

Consideration of May 2013 minutes: Minutes were accepted with two changes.

Chair's Report:

Yvette Yescas reported that the National Register Nomination was currently "in a holding pattern."

Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Kluck asked that the board consider working, perhaps in cooperation with the environmental sustainability board and parks advisory board, to see if Duquense Light could take a different, less aggressive approach to tree trimming, as our mature trees are critical to our historic significance.

Staff Liaison Report: Susan suggested that the board check out the final draft of the comprehensive plan to see if the places the HPB is mentioned are appropriate. The board did so and recommended that Yvette Yescas ask Keith McGill to clarify the language on page 76, because the differentiation between the historic preservation board and the historical society is not as clear as it could be. The language regarding action 6 on page 45 also needs rewording. Yvette will follow up this.

Topic of the Month: Presentation to the Commission.

Commissioner Kluck worked with the group to help craft the presentation that Yvette Yescas will make at the next commission meeting regarding the status of the National Register Nominations and the board's long-term goals. Joel Cluskey moved, and Jim Martin seconded the recommendations as decided upon by the board.

Other Business:

Alumni Group: Michelle Zmijanac suggested inviting past board members to get together several times a year to talk about a topic/topics informally. This would be a good way to benefit from their expertise and to ask them to help educate the community about HPB initiatives. Susan Morgans will compile a list of ex-members and the board will discuss this and vote at the next meeting.

Recycled Building Materials: Jim Martin suggested coming up with a plan/place where citizens could be encouraged to recycle original materials such as slate, brick. Board liked the idea but wants to look into whether such a facility already exists and associated costs such as security, liability, etc. This discussion will continue at a future meeting.

Neighborhood Tours: Jim Martin also suggested that it might be nice to provide opportunities for neighborhood tours. He noted that there are apps that would allow the board to put in its own recording. Susan will send John Conti's original trolley tour script to Jim and the board will discuss this at a future meeting.

Summer Meeting Schedule: No meeting in July but there will be a meeting August 19 at 5.

Adjournment and next meeting: The meeting adjourned at 6:30. The next meeting is Monday, August 19, at 5 p.m. in the municipal building.

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