

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

**Attendance:** Yvette Yescas, chair; Joel Cluskey, vice-chair Bonnie VanKirk, Jim Martin, Ben Wetmore, Jim Martin, Susan Morgans, staff liaison. **Absent** (excused) Bill Callahan, Michelle Zmijanac,

**Call to Order:** Chair Yvette Yescas called meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

**Citizen Comment:** There was no citizen comment

**Consideration of Minutes:** the October 2013 minutes were approved with one correction.

**Chair's Report:**

Yvette Yescas reported that a second draft of the National Register nomination will be submitted in January or February based on recommendations from the state board as to how the nomination can be strengthened.

Yvette said she would follow up on invitations to former board members to attend the December "trial run" for the requisite public meeting on the nomination.

**Staff Liaison Report**

Susan Morgans reported that the two houses at the corner of Washington road and Lebanon Avenue that previously housed the tax office and parking authority currently are on the market. The historical society continues its efforts to acquire the "McMillan" property, where it is now headquartered in the basement.

Susan also noted that there is potential plan for multi-family residential housing on the former Toner Institute site and that Zamagias has a potential new plan for "Washington Park" at the corner of Bower Hill and Washington Roads. The plan, however, would require four zoning variances to move forward.

**Topic of the Month: December 5 Community Meeting**

Michelle, Joel and Bill will plan the meeting. They will provide an overview of the National Register Nomination Process and also discuss the board's three-year plan. Susan Morgans will ask Mike Meseck from GIS to prepare a large map of the proposed district to display at the meeting.

**Continuing Business:**

*Local Historic Districts* Bonnie VanKirk gave an overview of the preservation issues that has Virginia Manor residents upset. A group of involved residents met with Bill Callahan to discuss the idea of a zoning overlay versus a Historic

Architecture and Review Board. Bill recommended the HARB. They have all agreed that the next step is to meet with their commissioner, John Bendel and seek his support on this issue. Bill will take the lead for the board on this issue.

*Comprehensive Plan* Yvette asked members to take a look at the comprehensive plan and check to see individuals are responsible for following through with any of the objectives assigned to the HPB.

*Economic Development* Joel Cluskey reported that he had attended the Economic Development Council meeting and they are preparing to issue an RFP for the Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) project at the T site

*Magazine Series* Susan Morgans suggested that with everything else going on, the board forgets about the magazine series. If anything needs to be written, she will write it.

*Blog* Yvette Yescas did a lebomag blog about sensitive home improvements and plans to write another entry about the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the historic Liberty Tubes.

*Walking Tours* Jim Martin continues to look at options for walking tours. Perhaps in the spring the board can take a “field trip” and actually try out an app.

*Walking Tour App:* Jim Martin will continue to work on this project and would appreciate help from other members who may be interested.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 6:40. Next meeting is Monday, January 20, 5 p.m., in the municipal building. The regular December meeting is cancelled.