

GAUTIER HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

March 12, 2015 9:30 a.m.
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Bill Bray, Chairperson. Other members present were: Leonard Fuller, Vivian Dailey, Gaynell Atkinson, and Mary Elsie Hubley. City staff member Patty Huffman was also in attendance. Excused absences included: Rico Borrazzo, Ray Brown, Gwen Parker, and Mike Martin.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved following a motion by Leonard Fuller, seconded by Gaynell Atkinson.

Business Items:

Leonard Fuller asked to postpone his presentation on "*The Battles of Gautier*" until the next meeting when more members are in attendance.

Bill Bray and Patty Huffman gave updates on the MDAH Certified Local Government Grant which includes development of a Historic Sites brochure and signage for the Beachfront Historic District. A printing company is currently working on a proof of the brochure which should be available next week for review. Mary Elsie suggested contacting Good Games Printing in Pascagoula for a quote for the actual printing.

Patty Huffman and Bill Bray gave an update on the MDAH Community Heritage Preservation project and fundraising efforts. Bill will give a brief presentation about the project at the Carver High School Alumni Group meeting this evening. Councilman Casey Vaughan is assisting with the printing of the fundraising brochures. Steve Moye plans to hand out these brochures at the Chamber of Commerce's Industrial Trade Show on the 24th.

The group discussed the People of Interest Project. Bill Bray gave out a list of completed bios and suggested People of Interest to all of the Commission members. Several corrections were made to the list and Commission members volunteered to research several people. (See attached list.) Vivian suggested recording people if possible and told the group about the ITalk app for I phones. The group would also like to obtain photos when possible.

Patty Huffman will give Leonard Fuller contact information for Lee Bond who had asked the City about volunteering to do clean-up work in the Gautier Historic Cemetery on Oak Street.

Patty Huffman shared information about the City's Brownfields Assessment Project and gave out site suggestion forms and a Brownfields fact sheet since most of the Commission members have lived in Gautier for many years. According to the group, "The Boat Man" location was described as a former dry cleaning establishment.

Regarding future projects, the group decided to focus on the Schoolhouse Project and not to undertake any new projects at this time.

In other business, the three incumbent members whose terms expired in January 2015 agreed to be placed on the City Council agenda for re-appointment (Bray, Fuller, and Dailey). With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 14, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Patty Huffman, CLG Coordinator