

# GAUTIER HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

May 14, 2015 9:30 a.m.  
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Past Chairman Leonard Fuller who ran the meeting in Bill Bray's absence. Other members present were: Vivian Dailey, Gaynell Atkinson, Mary Elsie Hubley, Ray Brown, Gwen Parker, and Rico Borrazzo. City staff member Patty Huffman was also in attendance. Bill Bray's absence was excused.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved following a motion by Rico Borrazzo and seconded by Gaynell Atkinson.

## **Business Items:**

Leonard Fuller gave a presentation on his handout entitled the "*The Battles of Gautier*". Leonard explained that the title is a tongue in cheek reference to various skirmishes and conflicts that have occurred over time. Much of the research in the document came from Gautier historian, Jack Womack and Dr. Chris Wiggins in Pascagoula. Topics included stories from the Civil War, Indian skirmishes, d'Iberville's proposed fort on the West Pascagoula River, an 1805 British raid on the Spanish on the West River, and the more recent attempt by the City of Pascagoula to annex the area prior to Gautier's incorporation in 1986. Ray Brown informed the group that Mrs. Womack has offered to donate one of Jack Womack's tapes to the Commission.

Patty Huffman gave an update on the MDAH Certified Local Government Grant which includes development of a Historic Sites brochure and signage for the Beachfront Historic District. The newly printed Historic Sites Tour brochures were distributed to all the members.

Patty Huffman also gave an update on the MDAH Community Heritage Preservation project and fundraising efforts. Posters and sponsorship brochures were distributed. The Steering Committee will meet again tonight (May 14<sup>th</sup>) at the American Legion. A campaign kick-off event is scheduled for Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. at the Gautier Senior Citizen Center. The architect is working on preparing a bid package for the first phase of repairs to stabilize the building and install a new roof.

The group discussed the Commission's People of interest Project. Patty Huffman gave out a list of completed bios and proposed subjects to all of the Commission members. Commission members are working on several write-ups to be submitted.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, July 9, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Patty Huffman, CLG Coordinator