

GAUTIER HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

September 11, 2014 9:30 a.m.
MINUTES

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

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

Business Items:

Bill Bray informed the group that the revised Rules of Procedure for the Historic Preservation Commission were approved at the August 5, 2014 City Council meeting.

The group discussed the upcoming unveiling ceremony for the St. Pierre's Episcopal Church historical marker. Mrs. Melbaleen Lewis contributed the funds for the marker. Once the City installs the marker, a date will be selected for the unveiling ceremony at the church. Several members volunteered to assist.

Patty Huffman will prepare and submit the Certified Local Government Annual Report to MDAH prior to the December 5th deadline. Committee members updated Patty on their training participation.

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. Committee members gave suggestions regarding the draft version of the Historic Sites brochure. A local match is required for this grant, and a formal sponsorship request has been made to Chevron.

Patty Huffman gave an update on the MDAH Community Heritage Preservation grant. This grant provides funding to stabilize the foundation and to begin repairs on the former Colored School. An architect has been retained and has started work on assessing the project and developing plans. The Steering Committee charged with fundraising has met once. The Project Fact Sheet and Steering Committee minutes were distributed to the group.

In other business, the group discussed their goal to have a street or other city amenity named after Barbara Sue Ross.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 13, 2014 at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Huffman,
CLG Coordinator