

Walker County Historic Preservation Commission
Community Building Behind Walker Fire Station # 17

Monday, April 18, 2022

3839 West Armuchee Road, Lafayette, GA, 30728

6pm

1. Chairman Culpepper called meeting to order at 6 pm.
2. Public Notice of Meeting was emailed to Walker County Messenger (4/9/22) , posted on Walker County Government Facebook page and posted at Fire Hall #17
3. Quorum was established.
4. Commissioners' introduction: Chairman John Culpepper, Vice Chairman Alan Slaven, Secretary Renee Griffin , Randy Pittman, Theresa Dorsey, and Francis Cobb. Pat Cook absent.
5. Guests are introduced: Leon East, Joanie Jackson member of the Missionary Ridge Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, and her husband, Buster Jackson. Mr.& Mrs. Jackson engaged in the cleaning out the Young Family Cemetery.
6. Public given opportunity to address the commission.
7. Commissioner Pittman moved to approve the agenda as presented; Commissioner Cobb seconded. Motion carried.
8. Vice Chairman Slaven moved to approve the minutes March 14,2022 meeting as corrected and presented; Commissioner Pittman seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business:

9. Commission logo was submitted by the Lafayette High School Business Glass by Commissioner Dorsey the Commission will present the students a letter of appreciation for their hard work on this project. The logo can then be placed on any product. They will also submit a draft of the finished stationery.
10. Chairman Culpepper reviewed Commission letter presented to the Georgia Civil War Commission (GCWC) at their March 19,2022 Quarterly Meeting requesting they consider funding an interpretative sign and wayfinding marker for Napier Chapel AME Zion Cemetery located off Harrisburg Road. Project was approved for funding.
11. Commissioner Dorsey gave an update on the Educational Guide of Historic Sites of Walker County. Discussion of how to engage students in Walker County History ensued.
12. Vice Chairman Slaven is forming a committee for the development of interpretative signs for the Durham Mining Community. Possible location of signs the Mt. Pleasant cemetery.
13. Commissioner Pittman gave an update on the repairs to the Walker County Courthouse and the difficulty in sourcing the correct bricks. There are also engineering issues with the front staircase.
14. Commissioner Pittman contacted District 1 Representative Mike Cameron to write the letter to recommend Roy's Diner in Rossville be placed on the National Registry of Historic Places. However, the business owner's application must be submitted first.

New Business:

15. . Other GCWC Walker County projects approved at the March 19, 2022, meeting. Interpretative signs, William Little House, District Hill African American Cemetery, and Battle of Ships Gap. Note: The Walker County Board of Commissioners approved the placement of the Battle of Ships Gap sign at the Villanow Community Center. Chairman Culpepper is working with Walker County Commissioner Brain Hart and Facilities Manger on where sign will be located. The GCWC also approved a funding request from the Private John Ingraham Camp Sons of Confederate Veterans, Chickamauga for a Ground Penetration Radar study to locate the unknown graves of Colonel Frank Little and Lt. Robert Little Who are buried in the Young Family Cemetery and to purchase two Confederate Headstones for the men, estimated cost 2,000.00 . The funding request from the Marsh House to construct a sidewalk has been tabled until the next fiscal year.
16. Commissioner Pittman visited Historic Oak Grove School located on Oak Grove Road, Chickamauga on March 19. The terrain was steep, and the neighbor's dog was aggressive, so pictures of school were taken from road. Commissioner Pittman will reach out to David Brown with Walker County Codes Enforcement to see what can be done with the dog whereby he and other Commissioners can check the state of the school. School belongs to Walker County Government.
17. Chairman Culpepper read an article on the history of Cherokee Chief John McLemore the namesake of McLemore's Cove. The article is from Sartain's history of Walker County. Will check to see if article can be placed in the Walker County Historic Preservation Commission section of the Walker Government Facebook page.
18. Opportunity for commissioners to bring forth any business. Secretary Griffin asked the commission to formally support a Women's Veteran Appreciation event in June, given Walker County's history in the training of the Women's Army Corps during World War 2. Commissioner Pittman moved to authorize Renee Griffin to contact Kristi Fowler and offer the support of the Commission in the capacity of her choosing. Commissioner Dorsey seconded, and the motion carried. Chairman Culpepper authorized Commissioner Pittman and Secretary Griffin to aid the county by finding historically correct brick suppliers and their prices for the repair of the county courthouse.
19. Location for May Meeting is the Rossville Library 6pm May 16th.
20. Commissioner Cobb moved to adjourn, and Vice Chairman Slaven seconded. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.

Submitted by Renee Griffin, secretary