



Walker County Historic

Preservation Commission

John Culpepper, Chair
Alan Slaven, Vice-Chair
Renee Griffin, Secretary
Frances Cobb
Theresa Dorsey
Patrick Cook
Randall Pittman

Agenda, Walker County Historic Preservation Commission Meeting,
Monday March 14, 2022, beginning at 6:00 pm., Cedar Grove
Community Center, 5395 West Cove Road, Chickamauga, Georgia
30707.

1. Call meeting to order
2. Public notice if meeting emailed to Walker County Messenger (3/9/22), posted on Walker County Government Facebook page, posted at meeting location.
3. Establishment of Quorum
4. Introduction of Commission Members
5. Introduction of Visitors
6. Approval of Agenda
7. Approve of February 21, 2022, meeting minutes

Old Business:

8. Commission Letterhead
9. Letter of support for African American History Museum and Cultural Center and African Memorial Park, Lafayette, Georgia
10. Roy's Grill, National Register of Historic Places

New Business:

11. History of Walker County Court House, Commissioner Pittman
12. Walker County African American Historical & Alumni Association funding request to the Georgia Civil War Commission for an Interpretive Sign for the Napier Chapel A.M.E. Zion Cemetery
13. Historic Preservation Grant, Walker County Historic Resources Survey
14. Opportunity for each Commissioner to bring any business before Commission
15. Location and time of April meeting
16. Completion of agenda, public invited to address Commission
17. Adjourn

Walker County Historic Preservation Commission
Monday, March 14, 2022

6pm

Cedar Grove Community Center

5395 West Cove Road, Chickamauga, Georgia 3070

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 pm. by Chairman Culpepper

Public notice of the meeting emailed to Walker County Messenger (3/9/22), posted on Walker County Government Facebook page, posted at meeting location

Commissioners present, Chairman John Culpepper, Vice Chairman Alan Slaven, Secretary Renee Griffin, Theresa Dorsey, Frances Cobb, and Randall Pittman. Commissioner Patrick Cook was absent. Visitors, Leon East, and Barbara Brown, and Cassandra Morton with the Napier Chapel A.M.E. Zion Cemetery Preservation Task Force.

Quorum of Commissioners established.

Vice Chairman Slaven motioned to approve the agenda and Commissioner Dorsey seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Cobb motioned to approve minutes of the February meeting as presented. Commissioner Pittman Seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Proposed Commission letterhead was emailed and presented to the Commission by Commissioner Dorsey. The pen and pencil drawing of the Marsh House will be the logo on the letterhead. Discussion was held on how to honor the students at Lafayette High School who are designing the letterhead

At the February 21, 2022, commission meeting, the commission voted to send a letter of support for the African American History and Cultural Center and African American Memorial Park being developed in the City of Lafayette to the Lafayette Mayor and Council and the Walker County Board of Commissioners. Chairman Culpepper read the letter that was sent on February 28, 2022, to attached to these minutes.

An email was sent to Commissioner David Crass of the Georgia Department of Community Affairs Historic Preservation Division on February 22, 2022, by Chairman Culpepper to convey that Ms. Denise Evans, owner of Roy's Grill, is interested in having the restaurant nominated for the National Registry of Historic Places. Information about Roy's Grill followed. Commissioner Pittman to contact Representative Mike Cameron to ask for his support in placing Roy's Grill on the National Registry. Donald Rooney with the Historic Preservation Division

contacted Ms. Evans on February 23, 2022, about the nomination process for the National Register.

New Business:

Commissioner Pittman discussed the damage to the Walker County Courthouse and preservation of its architectural integrity. He will be monitoring the repair process.

The Walker County African American Historical & Alumni Association, Inc is requesting funding from the Georgia Civil War Commission for an interpretive sign and wayfinding marker at the Napier's Chapel AME Zion Cemetery. Barbara Brown's Grandfather was a pastor at the church, and her family were Enslaved Africans, her family is buried there, and she is requesting further assistance in cleaning the cemetery. Commissioner Pittman made motioned to support the placement of interpretive sign and wayfinding marker at the cemetery which enhance African American and Civil War history within Walker County. Vice Chairman Slaven seconded. Motion carried. Note Captain Nathan C. Napier, Sr. who donated the property for the church and cemetery was a Confederate Veteran, letter of support will be forwarded to Georgia Civil War Commission

For Walker County to regain its status as Georgia Local Certified Government Walker County must conduct an updated Walker Historic Resources Survey. Grants are available for survey; John Logan Grants Coordinator for Walker County is researching the grants.

Commissioner Dorsey suggested to supply students with an educational guide of historic places to see in Walker County as it relates to their school curriculum. Secretary Griffin motioned to support this idea. Vice Chairman seconded and motion carried. Commission will meet and work round table to create this project.

Vice Chairman Slaven discussed the Durham coal mining community and would like to commemorate the community and the miners and their contributions to Walker County and the greater Chattanooga area. Discussion of placing an interpretive sign followed and how to gain assistance from the county commission for funding. Chairman Culpepper to work with Vice Chairman Slaven and community on development on interpretative signage.

Commissioner Pittman gave an update on meeting with the Rossville Downtown Development Authority and painting murals on buildings.

Discussion of the Villanow Community Center for the April meeting. Final details to be announced. April 18th at 6pm will be the date and time of the next meeting.

1. Commissioner Pittman motioned to adjourn. Vice Chairman Slaven seconded. Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned at 7:11.

Submitted by Renee Griffin, Secretary