

Agenda, Walker County Historic Preservation Commission meeting Monday September 27, 2021, beginning at 6:00 pm., Mount Pleasant Community Center, 5981 Highway 157 (Lookout Mountain) Rising Fawn Georgia 30738.

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Public Notice of Meeting emailed to Walker County Messenger (9/21/2021), posted on Walker County Facebook page and location of meeting
3. Establishment of Quorum
4. Introduction of Commission Members
5. Recognition of Visitors
6. Approval of Agenda
7. Approval of August 23,2021 Meeting Minutes

Old Business:

8. Proposed Civil War Wayside Villanow Community Center, Georgia Civil War Commission.
9. Oak Grove School Project.

New Business:

10. Request of the Walker County Historic Society and Marsh House Board of Directors for assistance from the Historic Preservation Commission in protecting the north lawn of the Marsh House from Development.
11. Availability of the publication "Echoes of McLemore Cove"
12. Georgia Certified Local Government Program, Walker County (Resumes)
13. Training Opportunities for Historic Preservation Commission members.
14. 2009 Phase 1 Historic Resource Survey for Walker County.
15. Commission Stationary
16. Opportunity for each Commissioner to bring any business before Commission.
17. Location and time of next meeting.
18. Completion of Agenda, public invited to address commission.
19. Adjourn.

Walker County Historic Preservation Commission

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Mount Pleasant Community Center

5981 HWY 157 (Lookout Mountain)

Rising Fawn, GA 30738

6pm

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

Quorum was established.

Chairman John Culpepper, Vice Chairman Alan Slaven, Secretary Renee Griffin, Randy Pittman, Frances Cobb, and Theresa Dorsey were in attendance. Commissioner Pat Cook was absent from this meeting.

Recognition of visitors- 8 visitors were present

Commissioner Slaven made motion to approve agenda; Commissioner Dorsey second. Motion carried.

Commissioner Pittman made the motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting held at Lee and Gordon Mills, in Chickamauga on August 23, 2021. Commissioner Slaven seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Proposed Civil War Wayside- With minutes adopted for the August 23, 2021 meeting, Chairman Culpepper will write a letter on behalf of the Georgia Civil War Commission (GCWC) to the Walker County Board of Commissioners requesting permission for the GCWC to establish a Civil War Wayside at the Villanow Community Center, copy of minutes to be included.

Oak Grove School- The school currently has no public access from Oak Grove Road, Chairman Culpepper will seek permission from adjoining property owners for commission to use their property to access site.

New Business:

A motion was requested from the commission to support the request by the Marsh House Board and the Walker County Historical Society that the Walker County Board of Commissioners purchase the lot north of the Marsh-Warthen House and add it to the Marsh House tract for historical preservation. Commissioner Slaven made motion; Commissioner Dorsey seconded. After discussion, motion carried.

Information was shared about Waldenhouse publishing assuming the printing of Echoes of McLemore Cove publication, therefore book is available thru them.

Walker County must be certified county to apply for historical state grants. The Georgia Historical Commission has been transferred from Department of Natural Resources to Department of Community Affairs. Current focus is to get county certified. Resumes were submitted by several commissioners to fulfill one of the certification requirements.

Training opportunities- Training is a requirement for certified governments. Information about any HPD sponsored training is available through the website www.georgiahpo.org/preservationevents.

2009 Resource Survey for Walker County is available- 93 historical resources documented. If there is a property of interest, its status is available online at. <http://www.gnahr.org>

Commission Stationary- Preliminary Stationary sample was presented to use until the new student designed stationary is accepted. Commissioner Pittman and Commissioner Dorsey will head this committee. The committee will report progress on student lead stationary designs at the October 18, 2021, meeting. Non-monetary prizes were also discussed.

Each commissioner had opportunity to bring any desired business

It was decided at the first meeting that the commission should be of the people and should move around the county to be accessible to all citizens.

Commissioner Cobb and Commissioner Dorsey will host the October 18, 2021, at either the Chattooga Academy or the Marsh House in Lafayette at 6pm.

Agenda was completed and the floor was opened to visitors to address the commission.

Ronald Blevins spoke about the Durham community in Walker County and shared the history of this coal mining community. At one time the Durham school was largest in Walker County. The Durham School bell is going to be returned the Durham area. The Mount Pleasant Community Center land was donated by the Drummond Company that operated the Durham mines.

Mr. Blevins has requested that the Durham community and its history preserved for future generations.

Commissioner Culpepper then discussed establishing a Durham Wayside with interpretive signs to document the history of the community.

Commissioner Pittman made motion to adjourn, and Commissioner Slaven seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:32pm.

Minutes submitted by Renee Griffin