

Walker County Historic Preservation Commission

Monday, September 19, 2022

Lafayette-Walker County Public Library

305 South Duke Street, Lafayette, GA, 30728

6pm

Chairman Culpepper called meeting to order at 6:12pm

Public notice of meeting and work session was emailed to the Walker County Messenger, Walker County Government FB page(9/14/2022) and posted at meeting location.

A quorum was established ,Commissioners present for meeting. Chairman John Culpepper, Secretary Renee Griffin, Commissioners, Randall Pittman, Theresa Dorsey, and Frances Cobb . Vice Chair Alan Slaven and Patrick Cook absent.

Commissioner Pittman moved to approve agenda as presented. Commissioner Dorsey seconded; motion carried .

Commissioner Pittman moved to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2022, meeting. Secretary Griffin seconded; motion carried.

Old business:

Commissioner Dorsey presented proposed Commission letterhead; it was suggested that Chairman Culpepper's contact information be added at bottom of page. Final format will be available next meeting and will be adopted at that time.

Vice Chair Slaven will meet with Chairman Culpepper before the next meeting to discuss narrative for the Durham Mining Community interpretive sign.

At the August 15, 2022, meeting a motion was adopted to send a letter to Chairman Whitfield proposing that Commissioner Cook's position on commission be declared vacant and a replacement be appointed due to his non -attendance of meetings (letter mailed 8/19/22) As of this date September 19, 2022, the commission has not received any correspondence that action has been taken on request. Chairman Culpepper suggested to commission that if they have anyone in mind to fill Commissioner Cook's position, please forward to County Commissioners. He has requested that Commissioner Askew consider Joanie Jackson of West Armuchee Valley to be nominated for position. He has forward Mrs. Jackson's Bio to Commissioner Askew.

Secretary Griffin is developing an oral history project for older members of the community.

New business:

Chairman Culpepper read the text from an interpretive sign located at the Gordon-Lee Mansion, Chickamauga on the American Indian Occupation of the Chickamauga area. A general discussion on the Native American history of Walker County was discussed. The commission plans to develop Walker County Native America History Waysides using interpretative signs at sites of significant Walker County Native American History.

The four Georgia Civil War Commission interpretative signs for Walker County (Battle of Shipp's Gap, William Little House, African American District Hill Cemetery, African American Napier Church, and Cemetery) are scheduled for delivery.

Status Report: For Walker County to be recertified as a Georgia Certified Local Government thru the Georgia Department of Historic Preservation(GDHP) Walker County must complete an updated Historic Resources Survey. John Logan, Director of Grants for Walker County has contacted Marah Grossman with the GDHP for information on applying for a grant to cover the cost of survey. Grants are available for the project with a 40% local match.

Chairman Culpepper advised there will be a Civil War Reenactment for the 160th anniversary of the Battle of Chickamauga. Event will be held on September 23-24, 2023, at Cherokee Farms, Old Mineral Spring Road in Walker County.

Commissioner Dorsey discussed ways the commission might aid with Heritage Day at the Marsh House held in September of each year. Secretary Griffin advised three commissioners were present for this year's event to aid and contribute to Heritage Day Bake Sale.

Commissioner Pittman reported that he had talked to County Commissioner Robert Stulz on what we can do to assist John Logan with the Historic Resources Survey. He also noted that the Old Oak Hill Log Cabin School was still in place on West Cove Road, he would like for the commission to see what could be done to preserve the school, also the Cedar Grove Community Center is developing a History Room for the local area.

The commission will keep the Lafayette-Walker County Public Library as it's permanent meeting location unless there is a valuable field trip that requires change.

Commissioner Pittman moved to adjourn; Frances Cobb seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:26pm.