

Monday, August 15, 2022

Gordon Lee Mansion

217 Cove Road, Chickamauga, GA 30707

Chairman Culpepper called meeting to order at 6:15 pm.

Public notice emailed to the Walker County Messenger, Walker County Government FB page (8/16/22), and posted at meeting location.

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

Visitors: Gary Gossett, President, and Debbie Gossett Secretary of the Friends of the Gordon -Lee Mansion were present.

Vice Chair Slaven moved to approve the proposed agenda, Commissioner Dorsey seconded, motion passed.

Commissioner Cobb moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting Vice Chair Slaven seconded, motion carried.

Old Business:

Commissioner Dorsey has the new commission letterhead finished and it will be available for use next month.

Commissioner Dorsey reported educational guide has been changed to a digital format and the children will get a monthly email about historic educational opportunities throughout the county.

Vice Chair Slaven is progressing on his rough draft for the Durham community interpretive sign.

Chairman Culpepper reported the City of Lafayette has yet to request funding from the Georgia Civil War Commission for repairs to the Chattooga Academy.

New business:

Commissioner Cobb moved that the Commission request the Walker County Board of Commissioners to declare the position held by Patrick Cook on the Walker County Historic Preservation Commission vacant due to non-attendance of meetings. Secretary Griffin seconded. Motion carried. Chairman Culpepper to draft letter to Chairman Whitfield to address vacancy for commissioners to review before mailing.

Secretary Griffin discussed asking the audio visual and film departments of the local high schools about recording oral histories in the county.

Commissioner Dorsey was able to get a crew to clean up a fallen tree at the Marsh House that had become dangerous. The commission greatly appreciates her help.

Commissioner Cobb shared the Great Locomotive Chase presentation presented Doug Carson at the Chattanooga Bicentennial Library. Chairman Culpepper is going to request Mr. Carson make his presentation at a future commission meeting. Vice Chair Slaven had an ancestor who was one of Andrew's Raiders who participated in the Chase and was awarded the Medal of Honor for his service.

Secretary Griffin moved for the next commission work session to be held at the Lafayette-Walker County Library on September 8, 2022, at 3:30pm., Commissioner Dorsey seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Cobb moved to have the September 19, 2022, meeting at the Lafayette-Walker County Library. at 6pm., Vice Chair Slaven seconded, and motion carried.

Vice Chair Slaven moved to adjourn, Commissioner Cobb seconded. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:01pm.

Note: Mr. and Mrs. Gossett gave the commission a tour of the mansion after the meeting.