



MINUTES
Preservation Commission
Monday, July 15th, 2024
City Hall/Civic Center, Room 118 – 5:30 p.m.

1. **Roll Call:** Ms. Gibson called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

- a. **Members Present:** Rhodes, Ashby, Brown, Bittle, Falcone, Young
- b. **Members Absent:** Norris-Price, Zurlinden, Grant, Rye-Sanders (ex-officio)
- c. **Staff Present:** Gibson
- d. **Guests:** None

2. **Approval of Minutes:**

Ms. Falcone made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 17th, 2024 meeting, seconded by Mr. Bittle. The minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.

3. **Communication and Reports:**

- a. Educational and Technical Assistance Committee
 - a. No Report
- b. Nomination and Hardship Committee
 - a. No Report
- c. Work Plan Committee
 - a. No Report
- d. Certificate of Appropriateness Committee
 - a. No Report
- e. Preservation Month Subcommittee
 - a. No Report

4. **Old Business:**

There was none.

5. **New Business:**

- a. Discussion on the consultant recommendations made in the Historic Building Survey for the Northeast Quadrant – Ms. Gibson started the discussion on the conclusions made by the consultants for historic designations. Ms. Gibson discussed the designation process for properties. Ms. Gibson stated that single homes/parcels or groups of homes may be designated as districts. Mr. Rhodes discussed the designation of a group of Mid Century Modern homes as a possible district. Mr. Rhodes stated he would rather leave the

designation of individual private residences to the homeowners' discretion, unless the structure was previously lived in or created by a person of note. Mr. Rhodes prefers to provide the homeowner's of these homes with the information gathered and encourage them to become historically designated. Mr. Rhodes would like to designate structures such as the Bethel Ame Church and the Eurma Hayes Center as historic. Ms. Brown expressed her desire for the owners of the historic private residences to be provided with the information gathered by the consultants about their properties and the opportunity for designation. The Commissioners discussed using Bethel Ame Church and Eurma Hayes Center as a starting point for getting the surrounded neighborhood involved in the discussion of designating private residences. Ms. Gibson discussed the need to update the Commission's education materials so that information can be more readily available to community members regarding historic designation.

- b. Identify possible next local register nomination(s) – Ms. Brown made a motion to identify the Eurma Hayes Center as the Commission's next focus for local register, seconded by Ms. Falcone. The Commissioners discussed other potential locations for local register.

6. Comments from the Public, Commission Members, or Staff:

Ms. Gibson asked the Commissioners to think of questions they would ask if they were a homeowner approached with the potential for their home being historically designated, so that the next meeting can be used to update some of the Commission's educational materials related to historic designation.

Ms. Gibson discussed the City's current search for a new Planner to be added to staff, hopefully one with a background in Preservation work.

7. Adjournment:

Ms. Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Ashby. The meeting was adjourned with unanimous voice vote.