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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION AGENDA
AUBURN PUBLIC LIBRARY - BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM
749 E. THACH STREET
TUESDAY, July 8, 2014 @ 4:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER.
    a. Approval of June Minutes
2. PRESENTATION ON THE ROLE OF THE HPC
    a. Conservation Districts
3. DISCUSSION OF CITYWIDE HISTORIC SURVEY

    a. Types of Structures
    b. Map of older buildings

4. DISCUSSION OF THE DEPOT MARKER

5. OTHER BUSINESS

    a. TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES
    b. COAs Issued

6. CITIZENS' COMMUNICATIONS

7. ADJOURNMENT

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CITY OF AUBURN
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

MEETING SUMMARY: JUNE 10, 2014
LIBRARY CONFERENCE ROOM
4:00 PM

ATTENDING MEMBERS: Joel Tremaine, Ann Pearson, Donna Bohannon, and Peter Weiss

MEMBERS ABSENT: Charles Hendrix and George Hamiter

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Matt Mosley, Principal Planner

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: n/a

SUMMARY OF MEETING
ITEM 1: **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting started at 4:04 p.m. Commissioner Peter Weiss, Acting Chair, opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

Mr. Mosley noted that Donna Bohannon and George Hamiter had been placed on the Commission to replace Richard Meinert and Thomas Sparrow.

ITEM 2: ELECTION OF OFFICIERS

Chair Weiss stated the first item was to elect officers for the commission.

Mr. Mosley stated that Commissioner Hendrix was not able to attend, but did want the commission members to know that he would be interested in serving as Chair.

Commissioner Tremaine stated that he though Commissioner Hendrix would be very capable. He nominated Commissioner Hendrix for the Chair position. Commissioner Ann Pearson seconded the nomination. The vote was approved unanimously.

Chair Weiss stated that the commission must now vote for a Vice-Chair. Commission Joel Tremaine nominated Ann Pearson. Commissioner Weiss seconded the nomination. The motion was approved unanimously 4-0.

ITEM 3: DUTIES OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Mr. Mosley told that the Commission that he typically did a refresher on the role and duties of the HPC, but he could wait until more members were present, if the Commission so desired.

ITEM 4: CITYWIDE SURVEY

Mr. Mosley stated that this work effort was an attempt to examine the historic resources in the City of Auburn that may not be in a district or on a register yet.

The HPC discussed what may be the oldest structure in Auburn.

Mr. Mosley noted that the Konstant home, Sunny Slope, Noble Hall and Pinetucket were all some of the older homes. He did not know which was the oldest in the City of Auburn. He showed the Commission a map of the building by age as shown by the Lee County Tax Assessor's Office. He noted that the survey would not provide any protection, but more inform the Commission of places that may be worth examining. He noted that the process should be very quick since it would primarily be a very broad "windshield" survey.

Commissioner Tremaine stated that he thought the survey could be very beneficial. He did note that the he did not support preservation by penalty, but wanted to find truly historic structures and incentivize their preservation.

Mr. Mosley stated that he thought this was one of the reasons why the Auburn Industrial Development Board stepped in and bought the Depot.

Commissioner Weiss stated that the idea behind the Commission was to help residents and owners preserve their properties, but noted that they had to ask the Commission.

Mr. Mosley stated that it was difficult for the City to provide direct financial support to owners, but could help with infrastructure and other items.

Commissioner Tremaine stated that people do not like to be forced to do certain things or ask for permission to keep up their home.

Commissioner Weiss stated the HPC was also protective of people's property values and ensuring the neighborhood stays intact.

ITEM 6: CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS

There was no citizens communication.

ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:38 p.m. due to lack of quorum.