

**CITY OF JONESBORO
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

The Historic Preservation Commission held their Regular Meeting on Thursday, August 21, 2017. The meeting was held at 5:30 p.m. at the Jonesboro City Hall, 124 North Avenue, Jonesboro, Georgia.

Committee Present: Betsy Wester- Chairperson
Arlene Charles – Committee Member
Jule Segner – Committee Member
Ricky L. Clark Jr. – City Manager
Derry Walker – Code Enforcement Officer

Committee Absent: Donya Sortor – Committee Member
Cathy Roark – Committee Member

I. **Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Betsy Wester at 5:30p.m. Cable Brooks was present to record the minutes.**

II. **Agenda Items**

- A. Ricky Clark made a motion to amend the agenda to delete the consideration to adopt the minutes from the May 15, 2017 Committee Meeting and adopt at the next regular meeting. Said motion was seconded by Jule Segner and followed by a unanimous vote.
- B. Historic Preservation Commission to consider a Certificate of Appropriateness as requested by Wes Agnew for exterior modification at 126 S. Main Street;

Upon Discussion:

Derry walker stated that the specification meets all codes and the structure will enhance the Downtown area.

Arlene Charles wanted to know when the business would open and how to get other business to improve their facades. Mr. Clark explained the process of the committee's approval and permitting before the business will open. Additionally, Mr. Clark explained his hopes with more business taking advantage of the Mainstreet Facade program.

Joel Aviles, Architect, Wes Agnew, Administrator Jonesboro First Baptist and Bonnie Shekarabi were present to explain the details of the modifications.

Upon Discussion:

Mr. Clark questioned how the interior renovations would be handled and how soon the back portion and the downstairs will be used.

Wes Agnew, informed us the front would be completed first and renovations on the back side would begin once the Broad Street renovations begin. Bonnie indicated

the downstairs portion is ready to be used, they just need to determine what the demand will be for the actual use.

Jule Segner expressed her concerns of the café only serving coffee and wants to know what the plans are to serve food. Wes Agnew informed the commission that coffee would be the star of the Café, but food of some kind will be served. Details of the menu are still being worked out. Bonnie Shekarabi informed the commission that the bottom portion of the building is ready to be used, just have to determine the demands of the city and what it should be used for.

Arlene Charles made motion to issue the certificate of appropriateness as requested for exterior modifications at 126 South Main Street. Said motion was seconded by Betsy Wester and followed by a unanimous vote.

- C. Discussion regarding ordinance with regards to the maintenance and appearance of Historic Properties;

Upon Discussion: All members were provided with a copy of the ordinance prior to the meeting. Mr. Clark is recommending stricter guidelines when businesses in the historic district are not in compliance with the ordinance.

Directives: Chairperson Betsy Wester suggested everyone take the ordinance home read over it and email Mr. Clark with any suggestions or comments. Cable Brooks will email the members not present with the same directives.

- III. **There being no further business, a motion was made by Jule Segner to adjourn, Betsy Wester seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Betsy Wester Chairperson

Ricky L. Clark Jr., City Manager