

MINUTES
MADISON STATION HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
APRIL 13, 2016 ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL & REGULAR MEETING

The meeting convened in the Madison Municipal Complex, Planning and Building Conference Room, 100 Hughes Road, Madison, Alabama 35758 and was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Commission Chairman Charles Sturdivant.

I. ROLL CALL

COMMISSION MEMBERS

Charles Sturdivant, Chair	Present
Teddy Powell, Vice Chair	Present
Jeanne Steadman, Historic Liaison	Present
Elbert Balch	Present
Dennis Vaughn	Present
Charles Nola	Absent
Cindy Sensenberger	Present
D.J. Klein, City Council Liaison	Absent

City Staff Present

Mary Beth Broeren, Director of Planning & Economic Development; Sherri Williams, Assistant Planner and Board Secretary

Registered Public Attendees

Opie Balch; Sharon Gilbreath-Heard

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Sturdivant asked Commission members for suggested changes or corrections to the draft minutes of the December 9, 2015 Regular Meeting. There being none, Chairman Sturdivant called for a motion:

Motion: Mr. Vaughn moved to approve the Minutes of the December 9, 2015 Regular Meeting, as written. Mrs. Sensenberger seconded the motion and the vote was as follows:

Final Vote:

Elbert Balch	Abstain
Dennis Vaughn	Aye
Teddy Powell	Abstain
Charles Nola	Absent
Charles Sturdivant	Aye
Cindy Sensenberger	Aye
Jeanne Steadman	Aye

Motion Carried.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Sturdivant opened the floor to public comment for non-agenda items. There being no public comment, Chairman Sturdivant closed the floor.

IV. ELECTION OF 2016 OFFICERS

1. Chair: Jeanne Steadman nominated Charles Sturdivant. There being no other nominations, Charles Sturdivant was elected by acclamation;
2. Vice-Chair: Elbert Balch nominated Teddy Powell. There being no other nominations, Teddy Powell was elected by acclamation;
3. Historic Liaison: Cindy Sensenberger nominated Jeanne Steadman. There being no other nominations, Jeanne Steadman was elected by acclamation.
4. Representative to Cemetery Committee: Jeanne Steadman recommended Elbert Balch serve as representative to the Cemetery Committee. There being no other nominations, Elbert Balch was appointed.

V. APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS

1. **2016-01 – 14 Martin Street; Expansion of existing driveway and addition of side and rear yard parking spaces.** Mr. Balch recused himself. Sherri Williams presented the case including zoning requirements and stated Planning Staff recommends approval of the request to install additional and required ADA compliant parking, to be located in the side yard and contingent on site plan approval. Mr. Balch explained that he needs the parking for clients. Mary Beth Broeren explained that the City desires for the residential feel to continue. Sherri Williams stated that Mr. Balch can discuss the City's requirements further with Johnny Blizzard, including the option for a variance.

Motion: Teddy Powell moved to approve case number 2016-01, 14 Martin Street driveway expansion and addition of parking spaces, as presented. Jeanne Steadman seconded the motion and the vote was as follows:

Final Vote:

Elbert Balch	Recused
Dennis Vaughn	Aye
Teddy Powell	Aye
Charles Nola	Absent
Charles Sturdivant	Aye
Cindy Sensenberger	Aye
Jeanne Steadman	Aye

Motion Carried.

- 2. 2016-02 – 106 Main Street, Replacement of awning.** Mr. Balch recused himself. Sherri Williams presented the case and stated Mr. Balch wishes to replace the existing worn awning with a new one, similar to the one at Main Street Café and made of black Sunbrella material. Photographs were shown.

Motion: Teddy Powell moved to approve case number 2016-01, 14 Martin Street driveway expansion and addition of parking spaces, as presented. Jeanne Steadman seconded the motion and the vote was as follows:

Final Vote:

Elbert Balch	Recused
Dennis Vaughn	Aye
Teddy Powell	Aye
Charles Nola	Absent
Charles Sturdivant	Aye
Cindy Sensenberger	Aye
Jeanne Steadman	Aye

Motion Carried.

- 3. 2016-03 – 209 Mill Road, Proposed redevelopment of property.** Sherri Williams stated that an official application has not been submitted and that a number was assigned for tracking purposes. She further stated that has requested the Chief Building Official prepare a report and recommendation for the Commission to consider. She stated it should be completed within the next few weeks and would be forwarded to Commission members. Commission members voiced opposition to demolition and stated that living in the Historic District comes with financial obligations. Since there was no formal submittal, the Commission was not required to vote.

VI. OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION (COMMISSION MEMBERS AND CITY STAFF)

Chairman Sturdivant opened the floor to Commission members and city staff with other items for discussion.

- 1. Trains on Main:** Mary Beth Broeren stated that Public Works Department will install the trains during the last week of April and that the unveiling ceremony will be held May 9 beginning at 10:00 a.m. Additional information is available on the Chamber's website.
- 2. Tables and Benches:** Mary Beth Broeren stated that the May 2015 minutes reflect the style and color that the Commission preferred. The site plan shows placement on Main and Garner Streets. The cost are being calculated to present at the next Council work session

and funding will be requested at that time. Regarding the placement of benches and tables, she stated that there are concerns about alcohol being served on the plaza area and that signs may be placed in the area to state it is prohibited. Garner Street is an emergency access and mounting benches to the ground would prevent the passage of emergency vehicles. Additionally, because of complaints that other benches around town are hot during the summer months, the furniture for downtown will be UV coated.

3. Food Truck Rally: Mary Beth Broeren stated that the first food truck rally was a success and the City Council made it a City event to be held the 1st Friday of each month, along Wise and Main Streets. There will be a 20 truck maximum; Public Works will barricade the streets and the Police Department will provide assistance, as well. May 6 is the date of the next event and will be coordinated through the Recreation Department, specifically Gayle Milam. Commission members discussed overlapping schedule with Thursday night concerns and football games; parking location; ABC requirements about public consumption of alcohol. Mary Beth Broeren stated that Old Black Bear's patio area, behind the building, must be secured with fencing in order for customers to consume alcohol on the patio.
4. Veteran's Memorial Stone: Mary Beth Broeren stated that in the 1960's a large stone was sent from Huntsville to Madison, for safe keeping during courthouse construction. On the back of the stone is a plaque that lists the names of Revolutionary War soldiers. Huntsville has been searching for the stone for many years and, after locating it in Madison, has asked that it be returned to Huntsville. The American Legion has approved and, according to an email from Steve Haraway, the Historical Society also approved the return. It was decided that Sherri Williams will contact the American Legion to learn what plans exist concerning the condition and maintenance of the park.

There being no other items for discussion, Chairman Sturdivant closed the floor.

OTHER BUSINESS (MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC)

Chairman Sturdivant opened the floor to members of the public having other business to bring before the Commission. There being none, Chairman Sturdivant closed the floor to other business.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Sturdivant adjourned the meeting at 6:52 p.m.



Approved: Charles Sturdivant, Chair



Attest: Sherri Williams, Board Secretary