

MINUTES
MADISON STATION HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 12, 2016 5:30 P.M.
MADISON MUNICIPAL COMPLEX, LOWER LEVEL
PLANNING AND BUILDING CONFERENCE ROOM
100 HUGHES ROAD
MADISON, ALABAMA 35758

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 Chair Charles Sturdivant.

I. ROLL CALL

Commission Members

Charles Sturdivant, Chair	Place No. 5	Present
Teddy Powell, Vice Chair	Place No. 3	Present
Jeanne Steadman, Historic Liaison	Place No. 7	Present
Dennis Vaughn	Place No. 1	Present
Elbert Balch	Place No. 2	Present
Charles Nola	Place No. 4	Present
Cindy Sensenberger	Place No. 6	Present
D.J. Klein	City Council Liaison	Absent

City Staff Present

Mary Beth Broeren, Director of Planning & Economic Development; Kelly Butler, City Attorney; Megan Zingarelli, Assistant City Attorney; Sherri Williams, Assistant Planner and Board Secretary

Registered Public Attendees

James Vanez; Billie Goodson; Carlos Woods; Bebe Oetjen; Lee Smith; Samuel Joe Rogers; Sharon Gilbreath-Heard and one (1) illegible name.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Sturdivant asked Commission members for suggested changes or corrections to the draft minutes of the August 10, 2016 Regular Meeting. There being none, Chairman Sturdivant called for a motion:

Motion: Mrs. Steadman moved to approve the Minutes of the October 12, 2016 Regular Meeting, as written. Mrs. Sensenberger seconded the motion and the vote was as follows:

Final Vote:

Dennis Vaughn	Aye
Elbert Balch	Aye
Teddy Powell	Abstain
Charles Nola	Aye
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:

1. Bebe Oetjen inquired from where or whom she could buy a brick. Jeanne Steadman informed her that the Historical Society, and not the Historic Commission, sell brick. Cindy Sensenberger said she could come by the restaurant and she take care of it.
2. Sharon Gilbreath-Heard asked about the process to include names on the Veteran's Monument. Sherri Williams informed Ms. Gilbreath-Heard that the Veteran's Memorial was an agenda item and that the American Legion representatives could answer her questions fully, at that time.

There being no further public comment, Chairman Sturdivant stated that the floor was closed to further public comment.

IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS

Chairman Sturdivant stated that the following item would be for public hearing or comment. The time for each member of the public to comment would be limited to three (3) minutes.

Chairman Sturdivant asked the applicant to come forward and present case number 2016-12, 209 Mill Road, Request for Demolition. When the applicant did not come forward, Chairman Sturdivant stated that the order of the meeting would be changed to give additional time of the applicant to arrive.

Chairman Sturdivant stated that the following items are for public review but not public hearing or comment.

1. ***2016-13 – 313 Church Street; Addition of Fence:*** Applicant Billie Goodson presented his request and stated he would like to install 42" white, wood, picket fencing along the front of his lot, set back from the sidewalk, as required by code. The tree at the street may have to be removed, which would allow for a gate. Mr. Goodson further stated that chain link will be added to the existing chain link fencing and that black wrought iron will tie the house with the detached garage. Staff and Commission recommended the fence be in line with the other fences along Church Street.

Motion: Mrs. Steadman moved to approve case number 2016-13, 313 Church Street, addition of white wood picket fencing along the front of the lot, and located close to the sidewalk; repair chain link fencing along the rear of the lot by attaching approximately 12-feet of chain link to the existing fence and the addition of decorative black wrought iron fencing connecting the house to the garage. Mr. Powell seconded the motion and the vote was as follows:

Final Vote:

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

Motion Carried.

- 2. 2016-14 - 2016-14 - Village Green; American Legion Post 229, Replacement of Veteran's Memorial:** Applicant James Vanez who is a member of American Legion Post 229, presented the request. Clark Memorial will make a new granite monument that will sit on top of a matching granite base and be only slightly taller, but no wider, than the current monument. The Legacy Walkway will come later as the blank brick are replaced with memorial brick. Applicants explained fundraising efforts including memorial brick and bench sales. Sharon Gilbreath-Heard inquired about the process for nomination of names for inclusion on the monument and applicants provided her with the process and stated December 29 is the deadline for immediate inclusion but stated other names will be added later. To be included on the monument, a veteran must have died from a wound or be killed in combat of any past or present war, and be at resident of Madison at the time of service. The information will be researched and verified. The proposed site plan and renderings of the monument was reviewed and members stated it will be a more fitting memorial.

Motion: Mrs. Steadman moved to approve case number 2016-104, American Legion Post 229, Replacement of Veteran's Memorial, as presented. Mr. Vaughn seconded the motion and the vote was as follows:

Final Vote:

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

Motion Carried.

Chairman Sturdivant stated that the following item would be for public hearing or comment. The time for each member of the public to comment would be limited to three (3) minutes.

3. **2016-12 – 209 Mill Road, Public Hearing, Request for Demolition;** Chairman Sturdivant again asked the applicant to come forward and present the case. When the applicant did not come forward, Chairman Sturdivant asked City Attorney Kelly Butler about requirements. She stated that since a public hearing was scheduled, those who were in attendance to speak should be allowed to voice support or objections. She further stated that the HPC could move to dismiss the case due to the absence of the applicant, but she suggested it be continued until the next scheduled meeting, and that an email and letter be sent to the applicant. Board members discussed the cost of renovation, and their personal experiences, and stated that approving demolition based on cost was a slippery slope. Lee Smith, 122 Sturdivant Street, stated the house is an eyesore; Sharon Gilbreath-Heard stated approval of any applications in general, without an applicant present, sets a bad precedence for the future. Members and staff discussed the options and it was decided that the application will be continued until the next meeting and that Sherri Williams will inform the owner in writing, and determine how he wished to proceed.

Motion: Mr. Balch moved to continue case number 2016-12, 209 Mill Road, Request for Demolition, due to the absence of applicant. Mr. Powell seconded the motion and the vote was as follows:

Final Vote:

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

Motion Carried.

V. 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.

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. Teddy Powell stated that this would be his last meeting due to having been elected to City Council. He stated he appreciated everyone's support and that he planned to continue to be involved in historic preservation and the goings on in the Historic District. Chairman Sturdivant thanked him for his service to the HPC and to the City of Madison.

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

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Sturdivant adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.



Approved: Charles Sturdivant, Chair
Madison Station Historic Preservation Commission



Attest: Sherri Williams, Board Secretary