

City of Dawsonville
March 25, 2019
Special Called Meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission
Held Jointly with the DDA

Angie Smith, HPC Chairman, called the March 25, 2019 City of Dawsonville Historic Preservation Commission special called meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

Attendance: Historic Preservation Commission Members present: Angie Smith, Heather Allen, and Carrie Fallstrom. Brian Bliss and Shannon Gibson were absent. DDA members present were Kevin Hammond, Keith Stone, Keith Hudson, and Stephen Tolson. Staff present were Zoning Administrator Nalita Copeland, Deputy City Clerk Tracy Smith, and City Attorneys Alex Meyers and Kevin Tallant.

Invocation and Pledge: Stephen Tolson gave the invocation and led the pledge.

Approval of the Agenda: Carrie Fallstrom motioned to approve the agenda; Heather Allen seconded the motion; all were in favor.

Old Business: None

New Business: Joint discussion with DDA concerning downtown renovations to spur economic growth

The discussion centered around downtown needs such as good restaurants and service type businesses, and renovations. Also discussed were possible loans, grants, tax credits, eligibility for the National Register of Historic Places, etc; all of which can help property owners with improving their buildings and properties. Both groups were in agreement that property owners would need to be contacted to see what each one would be willing to do to make improvements and let them know the City is here to help them with the process. If there is no interest, then the HPC and DDA will look at other options such as purchasing and renovating some key properties themselves.

Mayor Mike Eason addressed the groups with the following points:

- Georgia DOT is holding a public open house at the high school for the Perimeter Road extension
- The City has contracted with Nexsite to recruit more businesses and marketing for the City
- The City park will be hosting events
- The City is looking at opening up some streets in the Historic district to provide more parking

Dawson County Chamber of Commerce President Christie Moore told the groups that small things can make a big difference; such as outdoor lighting and community planters. The City's food truck nights have also been a huge success.

Kevin Hammond motioned to compile a list of Historic properties to contact about improving downtown; Stephen Tolson seconded; all were in favor.

Heather Allen made a motion for the HPC to work with the DDA in contacting the property owners; Carrie Fallstrom seconded; all were in favor.

Stephen Tolson motioned for a called DDA meeting with the HPC on April 29, 2019; Kevin Hammond seconded the motion; all were in favor.

At this time, the DDA moved to the Council Chambers to conclude their regular meeting and the HPC remained to finish their called meeting.

Chairman's Report: The photography contest has a winner and an honorable mention. The winners will be announced and will receive their awards at the next HPC meeting on April 29, 2019 following the joint segment with DDA.

Announcements:

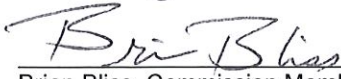
The next meeting of the HPC is scheduled for Monday, April 29, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. The DDA will be joining us to continue our joint discussion on downtown.

Adjournment: Commission member Carrie Fallstrom motioned to adjourn; Heather Allen seconded; Motion carried unanimously: Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes approved this April 29, 2019



Angie Smith, Commission Chair



Brian Bliss, Commission Member

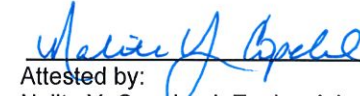
Shannon Gibson, Commission Member



Carrie Fallstrom, Commission Member



Heather Allen, Commission Member



Attested by:

Nalita Y. Copeland, Zoning Administrator