

**AGENDA**  
**City of Dawsonville Historic Preservation Commission Regular Meeting**  
**April 29, 2019 @ 5:30 pm**

Call the Meeting to Order  
Roll Call  
Invocation and Pledge

1. Approval of the Agenda:
  - o Approval of the Agenda for today's meeting dated April 29, 2019
2. Approval of the Minutes:
  - o Approve the minutes of the City of Dawsonville Historic Preservation Commission regular meeting held on February 25, 2019.
  - o Approve the minutes of the City of Dawsonville Historic Preservation Commission special called meeting with the DDA held on March 25, 2019.

Old Business:

3. Joint meeting/discussion with DDA
  - a. Downtown Renovations to Spur Economic Growth

**The HPC will now move to the Council Chambers to continue their meeting and DDA will remain to conclude their meeting**

New Business

4. Announcement of photography contest winners and award presentations

Chairman's Report  
Commissioners' Reports  
Announcements:

- The HPC's Next Regular Meeting Date: June 24, 2019 @ 5:30pm

Adjournment

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**City of Dawsonville**  
**February 25, 2019**  
**Regular Meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission**

Angie Smith, called the February 25, 2019 City of Dawsonville Historic Preservation Commission regular meeting to order at 5:38 p.m.

**Attendance:** Historic Preservation Commission Members present: Angie Smith, Heather Allen, Shannon Gibson, and Carrie Fallstrom. Brian Bliss was absent. Staff present were Planning Director Robbie Irvin, City Clerk Beverly Banister, and City Attorney Dana Miles.

**Invocation and Pledge:** Angie Smith gave the invocation and led the pledge.

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

**Approval of the Minutes of the City of Dawsonville HPC regular meeting held on October 22, 2018:** Carrie Fallstrom motioned to approve; Heather Allen seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**Old Business:**

**Approval to send the Historic Corridor/Gateway Report to the State:** Following some discussion, Carrie Fallstrom motioned to send only the Hwy 9 North corridor in at this time; Heather Allen seconded the motion; all were in favor.

HPC Photography Contest update: No update at this time, but the project is on track.

**New Business:**

**Election of a Chairman:** Carrie Fallstrom motioned to elect Angie Smith as the HPC Chairperson; Heather Allen seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Training with City Attorney will be held at the very end of this meeting, just prior to adjournment. Members of the public are invited to attend.

**Chairman's Report:** On March 25 there will be a Special Called HPC meeting in order to meet with the DDA to discuss mutual goals for downtown.

**Announcements:**

The next meeting of the HPC is scheduled for Monday, April 29, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

The HPC then moved to the conference room for a training session with City Attorney Dana Miles; the public was invited to join them.

**Adjournment:** Commission member Carrie Fallstrom motioned to adjourn; Heather Allen seconded; Motion carried unanimously: Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

**Minutes approved this April 29, 2019**

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Angie Smith, Commission Chair

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Carrie Fallstrom, Commission Member

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Brian Bliss, Commission Member

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Heather Allen, Commission Member

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Shannon Gibson, Commission Member

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Attested by:  
Nalita Y. Copeland, Zoning Administrator

**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**

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Angie Smith, Commission Chair

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