

Agenda: Walker County Historic Preservation Commission meeting, Monday August 23, 2021, beginning at 6:00 p.m., Lee and Gordon's Mill, 71 Red Belt Road, Chickamauga, Ga. 30707

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Public Notice of Meeting emailed to Walker County Messenger (8/15/2021), posted on Walker County Facebook Page and location of meeting.
3. Establishment of Quorum.
4. Approval of Agenda.
5. Introduction of Commission Members.
6. Recognition of Visitors.

New Business:

7. Appointment of Commission Officers, Vice Chair and Secretary.
8. Review of Commission duties.
9. List of properties in Walker County on the National Register of Historic places.
10. Georgia Department of Transportation, two bridge replacement projects in Walker County. Section 106 of National Historic Preservation Act, Comments.
11. Oak Grove School Renovation, County owned facility.
12. Georgia Civil War Commission development of Civil War Way Side at Villanow Civic Center. Engagement of forces under the command of General William T. Sherman and General John Bell Hood on Taylor's Ridge at Shipp's Gap, east of Lafayette.
13. Proposed Interpretative Sign, Little House, Armuchee Valley, Georgia Civil War Commission
14. Opportunity for each Commissioner to bring any business Commission.
15. Location and time of next meeting.
16. Completion of agenda Open Floor, public invited to address Commission.

# ***Walker County Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes***

August 23, 2021

Lee and Gordon Mills

71 Red Belt Road

Chickamauga, GA 30707

## **I. Call to order**

Chairman Culpepper called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm. and reported the public notice of the meeting in the Walker County Messenger and The Walker County Government official Facebook page. A quorum was established Commissioner Pittman made the motion to approve the agenda, seconded by commissioner Cook.

Visitors were then recognized.

## **II. New business**

- a) Appointment of officers: Commissioner Pittman made the motion to appoint Commissioner Alan Slaven Vice Chair of the Commission, seconded by Commissioner Griffin. Motion Carried. Commissioner Cobb made the motion to appoint Commissioner Renee Griffin recording secretary of the Commission, Seconded by Commissioner Pittman, Motion Carried
- b) Also Note that John R. Logan Director of Grants and Public Transit for Walker County attended meeting and spoke about the importance of the commission as far as obtaining grants for historic properties located in Walker County.
- c) Duties of commission and list of properties listed on the National Registry of historic places was reviewed.
- d) Chairman Culpepper advised commission he had submitted comments to the Georgia Department of Transportation on behalf of the Walker County Historic Preservation Commission and the Georgia Civil War Commission to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Act for two proposed bridge replacement projects in Walker County. (Red Belt Road next to Lee and Gordon's Mill and Lee Clarkson Road) Chairman reviewed comments with commission.

- e) The Georgia Civil War Commission will be requesting permission from the Walker County Board of Commissioners to establish a Civil War Wayside at the Villanow Civic Center. A interpretive sign will give an overview of the Battle of Ships Gap which took place on October 16, 1864 between the Federal forces under the command of General William T. Sherman and Confederate forces under the command of General John Bell Hood. Commissioner Cook made a motion for the commission to support the Georgia Civil War Commission's request, seconded by Commissioner Dorsey. Motion carried.
- f) Chairman Culpepper advised commission the old Grove School and property on which it is located on Oak Grove Road south of Chickamauga was donated to Walker County while former Walker County Commissioner Heiskell was in office. Commissioner Heiskell requested that he oversee the renovation of the school which was completed. Plans to construct public access and landscape the property never materialized . It is his desire that thru the commission the project can be completed.
- g) Each commissioner then had their opportunity to share their specific areas of interest within county preservation.

### **III. Adjournment**

The September meeting will be hosted by Alan Slaven at the Pleasant Hill Community Center with the time and date to be announced.

Having no further business, Renee Griffin made motion to adjourn with Alan Slaven seconding. Motion carried and Chairman John Culpepper adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Renee Griffin

Minutes approved by: Name