

Walker County Historical Preservation Commission

Rossville Public Library

504 McFarland Avenue, Rossville, GA

Monday, May 16, 2022

6pm

1. Chairman Culpepper called meeting to order at 6:06pm
2. Public notice of meeting was emailed the Walker County Messenger and the Walker County Government FB page (5/9/2022) and posted at meeting location
3. Commissioners Present: Chairman John Culpepper, Vice Chairman Alan Slaven, Secretary Renee Griffin, Theresa Dorsey, Francis Cobb, and Randy Pittman, Pat Cook absent
4. A quorum was established.
5. Vice Chair Slaven moved to approve the agenda, Commissioner Dorsey seconded. Motion carried.
6. Commissioner Cobb moved to approve the minutes of the April 18,2022 meeting as presented, Commissioner Pittman seconded. Motion carried.

Old business:

7. A certificate of appreciation will be presented to Hope Tomlin, the Lafayette High School senior who designed the commission logo and letterhead. Four commissioners will be available to present the certificate at the LHS Senior Night, May 19th, at 6:30pm. Commissioner Dorsey will introduce young lady and give background. Chairman Culpepper will present.
8. The Georgia Civil War Commission (GCWC) met in Washington, Georgia and approved the text for the Napier Chapel AME Zion African American Cemetery Interpretative sign. Chairman Culpepper read the text for the sign, and everyone enjoyed the history of the region. A total of four new signs will be placed throughout the county all funded through the Georgia Civil War Commission.
9. Commissioner Dorsey gave an update on the Walker County Historical education guide and highlighted the fourth-grade curriculum that should be included within the guide. She and John Culpepper will meet and further develop the guide to be available at all Walker County libraries.
10. Vice Chair Slaven attended a meeting of the Pleasant Hill Cemetery and is talking within the community about the development of an interpretive sign. He also shared information about the old coal miner's festivals and what was learned at those events.
11. Commissioner Pittman gave an update on the condition of the courthouse. He has requested the engineer's report and is awaiting that information.
12. Oak Grove school update: The commission will tour the facility on Saturday May 28th at 9am. The commissioners will meet at Smith Planetarium at 8:45 am to go to the school.
13. Women Veterans Appreciation will be on June 20, 2022, 6pm at the American Legion Post 339 located at 209 S. Chattanooga St., Lafayette, Georgia, 30728.

New Business:

14. June 25, 2022, from 3pm -6pm the Walker County African American Museum and Cultural Center, located at 309 N Main St, Lafayette, Georgia, will host its premiere exhibit, "Buildings We Built". This exhibit will use artwork by local artists to tell the stories of how African Americans, after hundreds of years of enslavement, were able to build businesses, churches, schools, and communities in Appalachian America.
15. Dedication of the restored Young Family Cemetery, located at 1954 W. Armuchee Rd, Lafayette, Georgia, is scheduled for Saturday, June 4, 2022, at 10:30am. All are encouraged to attend.
16. Commissioner Pittman moved to reappoint John Culpepper as Chairman, Alan Slaven Vice-Chairman, and Renee Griffin as Secretary through 2025. Commissioner Dorsey seconded; motion carried.
17. Commissioner Pittman moved to have the June 20th 6pm meeting in Lafayette area. Vice Chair Slaven seconded; motion carried.
18. Commissioner Cobb moved to adjourn, and Alan Slaven seconded. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 7:24pm

Submitted by Renee Griffin, Secretary