



Meeting Minutes
Jefferson County Historic Landmarks Commission
April 10th, 2019
Jefferson County Meeting Room

Members present: Martin (Chair), Leigh Koonce (Secretary), Jack Hefestay (Treasurer), Ben Horter, Tony Troxel

Guests present: John Demer

Mr. Burke called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

No public comment was heard.

February Minutes: Mr. Hefestay moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Troxel seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Mr. Hefestay reported the balance stood at \$18,190.38 as of 4/9.

Budget Hearing: Mr. Burke reported the JCHLC did not receive the additional \$2,500 allocation it requested for FY-20 and presented an updated draft of the budget.

Court House Update: Mr. Burke spoke with Kathrine Smith about the status of the National Historic Landmark nomination for the JC Court House. The National Capitol Region of the National Park Service is paying for a labor historian to research the second treason trial, from the 1920s, which was moved to Jefferson County from the southern part of the state. The nomination will focus more on its labor history than the architectural history of the building. The National Association of Historians is partnering with this project. This arrangement will enable the court house to be designated without a great deal of time and expense for the JCHLC.

Status of Grant Requests, Facebook, Instagram, etc: Mr. Burke indicated a \$5,000 reimbursable grant was received for work on the Coyle Cemetery, which has already started. Mr. Burke also reported three brochures were reprinted: John Brown driving tour, Avenue for Invasion (Maryland Campaign), Battle of Shepherdstown. All were reformatted and reprinted. The Washington Homes draft brochure has been finished and it is at the designer at present. Homes to be included are: Claymont Court, Blakeley, Harewood, Cedar Lawn, Bellair, Happy Retreat.

Park Day: Approximately 20 people attended. A dumpster was filled with debris. Trash was removed alongside the road. A tree chipper and crew were contracted for eight hours the previous week to aid in removing branches and downed trees.

Eyler House: The structure is being demolished after a year of waiting, owing to the weather.

National Register Nominations: Mr. Demer reported he is waiting for word from Jeff Smith (SHPO) about the McMurrin Farm. He has received the last bit of information needed for The Rocks and is working on a nomination draft at present.

Route 340 Project: Mr. Horter indicated there was nothing new to report.

Site Plans: Mr. Horter indicated there was nothing new to report.

Duffields Depot: Mr. Burke reported an engineering report was received about the water in the basement. The plan is to seal the building. A grant request will be sent to the National Trust for Historic Preservation. If awarded, the grant will be used to restore electricity and remove water from the crawl space.

Mr. Koonce offered the dates of the 2019 House and Garden Tour as April 27th and 28th and mentioned five Jefferson County properties are on the tour, including York Hill, Trinity House, the Potts House, and Rockhaven.

Mr. Troxel reported an event will likely take place at the Allstadt Ordinary in August, sponsored by the National Park Service.

Mr. Hefestay moved to adjourn at 7:42 pm. Mr. Horter seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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H.S. Leigh Koonce, Secretary
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