

WINCHESTER HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes for Feb. 17th, 2022

A meeting of the Winchester Historic Preservation Commission was held on Thursday, February 17th, @ 6:00 p.m. at City Hall in the City Commission Chambers. Chairman Chris Thornbury presided.

Commissioners present: Chairman Chris Thornbury, Mark Arnold, Bobby Shook & Meredith Guy. Commissioners Perry Williams & Jack Jones were absent *Additional attendees:* Planning Staff –Debbie Greene

Consideration of Minutes: Chairman Chris Thornbury called the meeting to order and presented the Sept. 16th 2021 minutes. Mr. Shook made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Thornbury 2nd the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion of downtown issues: Chairman Thornbury said he had received some comments regarding downtown issues. Such as improvements need to be done on several downtown buildings. We need to have something in place to appeal to new businesses and building ownership downtown. Some of the issues discussed were that we need to work with the police chief or have a meeting with city & police chief to discuss more downtown patrol at night. Mrs. Guy stated we do need to work the city and get something in the ordinance that does not allow 1st floor living spaces. Some of the storefront windows that owners have put in place aren't consistent with the HPC ordinance. Chairman Thornbury said we need downtown beautification such as more green space and park benches put in the green space.

Chairman Thornbury suggest more downtown early evening events are needed as well as parades should be organized by the Main Street program. The last 2 parades have been organized by public citizens.

Chairman Thornbury said when the City comes in for the demolition of the Cartwright building, HPC needs to put some stipulations with the COA.

Staff Comments: There were none.

Public Comments: There were none.

Adjournment: Mrs. Guy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Arnold 2nd the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 6:40pm



Planning Director



Chairman