

HOMEWOOD

HISTORIC PRESERVATION

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Public Meeting
HOMEWOOD HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Tuesday March 8, 2022 7 PM
City Hall- 4th floor conference room
Homewood, AL 35209

1. Commissioners present were Will Womack, Jake Collins, Allison Litton, Rachel Mobley and Eddie Griffith. Barry Smith, Council Liaison. David Lorberbaum and Dennis Jones were unable to attend.
2. The February minutes were approved by the commission.
3. Rosedale Historic District Resurvey Update: The survey work is complete, and now they're working on matching up the addresses. Then the final map will be created. We will also need to add the historical narrative. Will Womack said he can help with this effort.
4. Grant Letter of Interest for Union Missionary Baptist Church Update:
 - a. We expect to hear back in April regarding whether or not our submission will proceed.
 - b. Eddie will create a task list to prepare for how to proceed should we get approved to move forward in the grant application process.
 - c. The grant will cover the structural engineer and roof replacement if funded.
5. Future Forums
 - a. A forum is scheduled for the last week of April at Union Missionary Baptist Church. We expect to have an update on the grant at that point. Will Womack discussed the forum with Rev. Steele. He will need to confirm the exact date. Rachel Mobley said she can assist with hospitality at the forum. Barry Smith said she will contact the Homewood Star to cover the event.
6. CLG Grant Update for 2022
 - a. Discussion of Travel Stories Mobile App
 - i. Eddie provided a budget justification for TravelStories. We suggested that Dennis Jones, who has expertise in web development, should complete the training with the app developer for our mobile app. We discussed possible narrators for the TravelStories app as Landrum Roberts, Barry Copeland or Shawn Wright.
7. Discussion on Spending:
 - a. We need to spend the \$4500 before September.
 - i. We plan to have a booth/tent for We Love Homewood Day on May 7 to showcase the commission efforts. Eddie said he will order the National Trust kit to use for We Love Homewood Day at the booth. Other commission members will locate existing signage to use for the booth as well. We will also include a QR code for community members to view the Pink House documentary. We Love Homewood Day occurs during Historic Preservation Month of May. In addition, we will gauge community interest in purchasing Homewood Historic Commission plaques. We also encouraged Jake Collins to bring copies of his book to share (TBD on whether he can sell them as well).

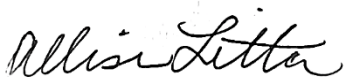
- ii. Rachel Mobley presented her idea to fund a Scholarship Program to get Homewood Youth involved in historic preservation efforts. This proposal would invite sophomores to apply for the scholarship, then they would need to complete 2 years of effort to receive \$500 towards college tuition. This program might include supporting forum events, sign up for hospitality and a legacy story profile project. They would then present their project during their senior year. We anticipate 2-3 students a year.
- iii. Plaques and signs
 - 1. Fix existing plaques and signs
 - 2. Fund the purchase of plaques or signs for worthy sites currently unmarked
 - 3. Create our own Homewood Historic Commission plaque
 - 4. Get a sign for Rosedale Park District

What is the cost per sign?

8. Next meeting will be on April 12th at 7 PM.

9. Meeting was adjourned at 8:13 PM. There was additional informal discussion after adjournment.

Submitted by



Allison Litton, Secretary of HHPC