

Historic Preservation District  
Minutes  
September 20, 2013

The Historic Preservation Board met on September 20, 2013, at noon, in the Auburn City Hall conference room.

Present were: Kris Gill, Shane Charbonnet, Bob Hemmingsen and Peggy Kuser.

Guests were: Audrey Mohr, State Historic Preservation Office, Sam Atkinson, Kim Beger, Stephanie Fisher and Mary Kruger.

Absent was Sue Remmers

The Open Meetings Act was announced.

Stephanie Fisher, CRA (Community Redevelopment Authority) Chairperson, is on a committee that includes Dave Hunter and Mary Kruger. CRA is exploring the options of installing new sidewalks and lighting around Courthouse Square. This is in the discussion stage, with numbers being put together to get a big picture. Stephanie wanted the Historic Preservation Board to be aware that this is a potential project.

Mary Kruger was present to voice concerns and her passion for the Legion Park's upkeep. She was seeking help from this Board in maintaining the park. In later discussion among the Board members, it was determined that park maintenance was the City's responsibility and that this Board had not been granted powers or the funding, which could directly affect the park's upkeep. It was recommended that, if needed, the Board could draft a letter to Auburn's City Council describing our concerns with the upkeep of city owned historical locations.

Sam gave an update on the progress of gathering information. Many interviews have been conducted. Sam is now putting the information gathered down on paper and making a timeline.

Flash drives were handed out to the Board members. The flash drives contain the slide and presentations from the State Historic Preservation Conference in June.

Kim has started on a brochure for Auburn's Historic District. It is still in the early stages. Audrey is going to send down a brochure from another town's HPD. It was discussed that maybe we have a couple of different brochures, one for the community and one for the property owners in the Historic Preservation District.

Kris Gill opened the envelopes that were in response to the Request For Proposal to hire a consultant to write the National Historic Preservation District Nomination. Mead & Hunt declined to submit a proposal. A proposal from Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson was submitted. The proposal was reviewed by all. *Shane moved to accept Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson's proposal and have it presented to City Council for approval. Bob seconds. All approved.*

In regards to the proposed timeline from Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson's proposal, we are tentatively scheduling a Town Hall meeting Monday November 18<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-7:30.

The next meeting will be called when needed.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Beger