National Historic District Minutes August 10, 2012

The Historic District Board met on August 10, 2012, at 2:00 p.m., in the Auburn City Hall conference room.

Present were: Shane Charbonnet, Sue Remmers, Kris Gill, Mayor Scott Kudrna, Audrey Mohr (State Preservation Office) and Kim Beger.

Audrey Mohr was introduced. She brought information for each member regarding the Historic District. She highlighted some of the areas and gave an explanation of responsibilities for the Board members

- Once you create a District and it becomes an Ordinance, you need to start regulating right away.
- Audrey suggested to keep planning for awhile.
- Maintain working knowledge of State and Federal preservation regulations
- When making decisions, write down the Standard number that applies with the decision
- Survey the buildings history and the significance it has in the district.

Minutes must be submitted to the State Historic Preservation Office.

The Historic Board minutes must be posted.

The Historic Board meeting must be open to the public and posted.

If someone wants to put their building on the National Historic Register, you don't have to write the application for them, but you must help them the best you can. That may be guiding them in the right direction and in contact with the right people.

There are other components to this National Historic District. Once the Ordinance is set up and you are comfortable with the design and regulation side of it, you could and should hold workshops and informational gatherings for the public. You want to educate the public about what the Historic District is about and how you are here to help, not hinder them.

Audrey talked about becoming a CLG (Certified Local Government). This is where your protection as a Board comes in and also the funding to help with your projects. Having a CLG opens the doors for possible transportation grants and other grants for improvements. Audrey went through the CLG Procedures and other materials.

The next step:

- Read the guidelines. This is the time to see if you want to set additional guidelines.
- Read "Working on the Past in Local Historic Districts"
- Compare the current Ordinance to the sample that Audrey is sending and Kim is forwarding on to you. This is the time to make any changes to the Ordinance. It will be best to make all the changes needed at one time.

The next meeting will be September 7, 2012 at Noon, at Paint It Priceless. Bring your lunch. Please take time to look at the downtown buildings and the Courthouse Square to draw the Historic District. Audrey Mohr will be in attendance to help answer any questions and to give guidance.

Respectfully submitted, Kim Beger