

JOURNAL OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
CITY OF JACKSON
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 2, 2025, 6:00 P.M.
JACKSON CIVIC CENTER and ZOOM

Call to Order

The meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Marybeth Niederkorn.

Roll Call

Present: Marybeth Niederkorn (Chair), Sarah Appel, and Dr. T Wayne Lewis

Absent: N/A

Staff Present: Larry Miller, Building & Planning Manager; City Alderman, David Reiminger

Guests/Citizens Present: Steve Ford

Approval of Minutes

There were no minutes from the previous meeting available for approval.

Public Hearings

None.

Old Business

Review of SHPO Response and Ordinance Revisions

- The Commission discussed the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) feedback regarding proposed changes to Chapter 64 (Historic Preservation).
- Members reviewed suggestions from the SHPO representative, including balancing advisory support with regulatory authority.
- The Commission discussed the concept of "Most Notable Properties" (honorary recognition) versus "Landmark Designation" (binding review), modeled after Columbia, Missouri's program.
- The Commission expressed interest in offering honorary and binding options for property owners, to encourage preservation while respecting private ownership.
- Members agreed that maintaining Certified Local Government (CLG) status was beneficial and achievable given ongoing activity.
- Discussion emphasized the need for the Commission to act as a resource to property owners, celebrate preservation projects, and encourage authenticity in restoration.

Discussion on Preservation Mission and Local Examples

- Commissioners discussed the importance of preserving Uptown Jackson structures and drew comparisons with Franklin, Tennessee's historic downtown.

- Members highlighted recent restoration projects, including the Frisell-Welling House and other significant properties.
- Concerns were raised about the demolition of historic structures in Jackson and the need to consider incentives or recognition programs to encourage preservation.
- The Commission also discussed potential plaque programs for historic properties, researched the original uses of Uptown buildings, and engaged SEMO students in historical documentation.
- There was consensus to keep language regarding historic districts in the ordinance to allow flexibility for future preservation opportunities.

Next Steps for Ordinance Revisions

- Sarah Appel will prepare a new ordinance draft incorporating SHPO comments and additional revisions.
- Commissioners will review City Attorney Curt Poore's line edits and determine which to incorporate.
- Members agreed to revisit and refine the Commission's mission statement at a future meeting.

New Business

Commission Membership

- Discussion was held regarding the appointment of Steve Ford to the Commission. The Commission expressed unanimous support.
- Larry Miller will speak with the mayor regarding Steve's formal appointment, and additional prospective members will be considered.

Upcoming Reports

- Dave Reiminger will briefly update the Mayor and Board of Aldermen during the next "go-around" session regarding the Commission's progress.

Adjournment

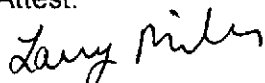
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at **7:06 p.m.** following a motion by Dr. T Wayne Lewis, seconded by Sara Appel, and approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Marybeth Neiderkorn
Chair

Attest:



Larry Miller
Building & Planning Manager