

Winterville Historic Preservation Commission
Minutes for July 20, 2021

The Winterville Historic Preservation Commission held a meeting on July 20, 2021 at City Hall in Winterville, Georgia. Present and participating were Kim Burch (Chair), Jonathan Frye (Vice Chair), James Taylor, and Jonathan Scott.

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm.

Mr. Frye made a motion to accept the minutes of the committee's June 15 meeting. Mr. Tucker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The group discussed with Mayor Ferrelle possible changes to the proposed district boundaries, the need to fill the currently-vacant HPC seat, and the need to modify the city ordinance to allow for a citizen to serve on multiple city committees.

A motion was made by Mr. Scott to recommend the historic district guidelines presented at the June 30 public hearing, with the additional wording added to page 54, "Building and Site Guidelines:"

Planting non-native, invasive plant species (e.g. Bamboo, English Ivy, Chinese Privet, Chinese Tallow, etc.) is discouraged, but not restricted."

Mr. Tucker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Tucker to approve the proposed historic district map as presented at the June 30 public hearing. (Prior to the vote, Mr. Scott expressed his desire that a 15-acre lot along Smithonia Road not be included due to its lack of historic infrastructure, but was in agreement with all other proposed recommendations). Mr. Frye seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Scott to modify the wording of Section V, subsection E of the city's HPC ordinance to replace "Notice of the hearing shall be published in the principal newspaper of local circulation in the city and written notice of the hearing shall be mailed by the Commission to all owners and occupants of the subject property." with "Public notice of the hearing shall be made by the city and written notice of the hearing shall be mailed by the Commission to all owners and occupants of the subject property." Mr. Frye seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The group discussed holding a workshop with HPC, P&Z, and Mayor/Council to align the various ordinances. The need to address non-native invasive plant species was addressed.

Mr. Frye made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Scott seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:07.