

Athens City Historic and Architecture Preservation Commission  
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Athens City Hall, First Floor Conference Room  
October 14, 2019 5:30 PM

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**1. Call to Order**—Chairman Keith Chapman called the meeting to order at 5:35PM. Members present included Chapman, Cyrus Moore, Mary Anne Reeves, and Richard Vedder. Members absent included John Valentour, Pam Callahan, and Guy Philips. Quorum was established. Guests include Julie Trouten, and Adlai Karwisch. Paul Logue recorded minutes for the commission.

**2. Disposition of Minutes**—Mr. Vedder moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Ms. Reeves seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion was approved.

**3. Next Meeting**—City offices closed during regular date of 11/11 for Veterans' Day. Commission members agreed to meet on November 4 at 5:30PM. Mr. Logue will check on availability for 11/4.

#### **4. Old Business**

A. Uptown historic districts—Commission members discussed speaking with Council Member Fahl next month. Mary Anne asked for a large map of the proposed district. Possible public hearing in December and send a recommendation to council for committee in January.

B. Special Improvement District—Keith Chapman provided a summary on the special improvement district process to the board.

C. Mt. Zion—Paul gave an update on CIRD grant that was awarded to the Mt. Zion Preservation Board. The organization will be working on this in 2020.

#### **5. New Business**

A. Mr. Moore suggested the board consider applying for a marker grant in 2020. Among the proposed locations were Mt. Zion and the Ridges.

#### **6. Announcements and Updates**

Vedder reported on a discussion with local historian Marjorie Stone regarding preservation of two buildings around College Green and the Ridges. Stone is concerned that they will be torn down and would like the board to try and address this.

Logue reported that Heritage Ohio is having a seminar in Athens on November 18, 9 AM at the Community Center. The seminar will provide information to property owners on preservation tax credits.

Chapman expressed interested in stepping down as chair of the commission. He would like this to be discussed at an upcoming meeting where all members are present.

## **7. Adjournment**

Vedder motioned to adjourn at 6:30PM. Moore seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Paul Logue