

Morgan County Resource Preservation Advisory Board

Regular Meeting
January 13, 2009
6:00 p.m.
Minutes

Present: Carol Cross, Ona Nunn, Sarah Lynn McHugh, Gail Wade
Not Present: Tonya Hogan
Also Present: Tara Cooner, Danielle Peck

I. Opening and Welcome

Carol Cross welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes from December 11, 2008 meeting

With the unanimous consent of all members present, the Minutes were approved as presented.

III. Update on Cemetery book printing

Tara Cooner informed the Board that the cemetery book correction had been finished and the text had been sent to the publishers. She hoped a new proof copy would be sent the following week.

IV. Oral History Project

It was with sadness that the Board discussed the recent passing of Paul Perryman in Buckhead. Mr. Perryman had been on the list of possible interview candidates compiled by the Board at the previous meeting. The Board discussed the urgency of moving forward with the interviews.

Ms. Cooner explained that she had met with the two web developers contacted by Beth Goodwin. Both were located in Madison and staff from the county IT department had accompanied her. Discussions regarding budget available for the proposed project had revealed that money had been removed from the Oral History Project budget. The misunderstanding was resolved; however, the County Manager had asked that a third estimate be obtained for the website. The third estimate had been received the day of the meeting and was comparable in price to the Madison estimates. Ms. Cooner explained that she had discussed with the Director of Planning and Development the possibility of splitting the Oral History Project into two projects: interviews and the proposed website.

Ms. Cooner explained that she was in the process of creating a presentation for the Board of Commissioners' work session on January 20, 2009. Chuck Jarrell would present the information for the interviews and the proposed website to the Commissioners to confirm the direction they want to take with the project. With the project split, the interview portion of the project can hopefully move forward, even if the proposed website takes longer to gather the necessary information.

Gail Wade had three more names to add to the list of possible interview candidates in Buckhead: Caroline Bell-Massey, Shirley Pittman and Terrell Saffold. It was decided that the Board members would approach the interview candidates regarding participation in the project. Carol Cross stressed that the interview dates and associated arrangements needed to

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be set prior to the potential candidates being contacted. Danielle Peck suggested that the Board choose the top candidates to approach first. The Board unanimously agreed that priority candidates would be decided at the February meeting.

V. Additional Business

Ms. Cooner provided an update on the CLG application. The Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer gave Morgan County permission to proceed with resubmitting the application, leaving in the document the text regarding compensation of the Board. Ms. Cooner is creating a presentation for Chuck Jarrell to give to the Board of Commissioners at the January 20, 2009 work session to confirm the required text changes to the Ordinance.

Ms. Cooner informed the Board that she had met with Larry Ferguson from the *Lake Oconee News* regarding the Oral History Project. His editor was very interested in the story and wants to make the story larger, with additional interviews and photographs. Danielle Peck mentioned that portraits were taken of the audio interview participants in 2007 and could possibly be used as photos for the article. While discussing publicity, Carol Cross mentioned that CommuniComm will do interviews regarding local projects as well.

Ms. Cooner and Ms. Peck explained that a request had been received from the Sugar Bend subdivision Homeowner's Association for a historic cemetery maintenance manual. The Winzor Johnson cemetery, located at the end of Bethany Road, is owned by Duane Ackerman. However, its proximity to the subdivision has prompted the HOA to take an interest in maintaining the cemetery. Ms. Cooner and Ms. Peck are working on a document containing basic cemetery care information. Gail Wade mentioned that Linda Thoman in Buckhead may be of assistance, as she has worked with the Buckhead Cemetery for many years.

Ms. Cooner provided a list of the proposed meeting dates for 2009 and asked if the Board wanted to remove or change any dates. The Board unanimously agreed to leave the dates as presented for the present time, with the provision that dates may be changed later as necessary. A copy of the dates is attached to these Minutes.

Ms. Cooner explained that she had just passed her 6 month employment mark with Morgan County and had an upcoming review. She provided business cards for Chuck Jarrell, Director of Planning and Development, and asked the Board members to contact Mr. Jarrell if they had any comments regarding her job performance.

VI. Adjourn

Carol Cross adjourned the meeting at 7:00 PM.

Carol Cross, Chairman

Date _____

Tara Cooner, Secretary

Date _____