

Morgan County Resource Preservation Advisory Board

Regular Meeting
November 10, 2009
5:30 p.m.
Minutes

Present: Sarah Lynn McHugh, Elzata Brown, Ona Nunn, Gail Wade
Not present: Carol Cross, Elzata Brown
Also Present: Tara Cooner, Danielle Peck

I. Opening and Welcome

Gail Wade welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes from October 13, 2009 meeting

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

III. Update on video editing

Tara Cooner informed the Board that John Godwin had sent 29 emails containing edited video for her to review. She had not yet been able to review all of the film.

IV. Update on website development

Ms. Cooner passed out copies of the proposed homepage for the Morgan County Heritage website. She explained the features of the homepage that had been discussed with the web developers and mentioned that they were working very efficiently. She mentioned the possibility of a special called meeting in the near future in order to review proposed design elements, as information was being sent weekly from the developers. With the unanimous consent of the members present, staff was given permission to make decisions regarding design when it was not possible to call a special meeting. Ms. Cooner had emailed the homepage proposal to Chairman Carol Cross, who had remarked that the background appeared a little dark on her computer screen. All members present liked the design; Ona Nunn agreed with Ms. Cross that the text may be difficult to read on the background if it was not larger on screen. Ms. Cooner noted that Planning staff did not like the Polaroid photo surround and cartoon Communities icon.

Ms. Cooner passed out copies of a proposed Detail page. The Board members liked the proposed design and features. Ms. Cooner passed out copies of the Wireframe proposal for a Community page. Her concern was regarding the presentation of mixed media at the bottom of the page. In a discussion with the web developer, she had suggested that the area at the bottom of the page contain only photographs, as the page did not contain a direct link to community specific photos. The web developer felt it would be better to mix the media options. The Board agreed that, since the page contained links to other media already, photographs only should be presented in the space.

A copy of all proposed designs presented is attached to these Minutes.

V. Update on Reese Community Cemetery perpetual care proposal

Ms. Cooner informed the Board that a meeting had been held to discuss the possibility of the county assuming responsibility for maintaining the Reese Community Cemetery through

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a perpetual trust fund. The Board of Commissioners had decided that they did not want to assume responsibility at this time and proposed the formation of a 501(c)3 (non profit) by the Resource Preservation Advisory Board to hold the trust fund. The Board members discussed the process and responsibilities of a non-profit, including establishment, disbursement of funds, scheduling of labor, inspections and liability. A motion was made by Gail Wade to avoid involvement in a 501(c)3 at this time; the motion was seconded by Sarah Lynn McHugh.

Ms. Cooner mentioned that she had spoken to Marshall “Woody” Williams earlier and he had mentioned that the Probate Court already held several trusts for cemetery maintenance. The Board instructed Ms. Cooner to contact Mike Bracewell, Probate Judge, to inquire as to whether the Reese Community Cemetery fund could be held by the Probate Court.

VI. Library of Congress photos

Ms. Cooner showed the Board several photos she had discovered on the Library of Congress website. Among the photos were images of Park’s Mill, cotton warehouses in Rutledge, railroad worker’s houses in Dorsey, Heritage Hall, Thurleston, and a house and gardens on Second Street in Madison.

VII. Additional Business

There was no additional business at this time.

VIII. Adjourn

Gail Wade adjourned the meeting at 6:45 PM.

Carol Cross, Chairman

Date _____

Tara Cooner, Secretary

Date _____