

**Boone Historic Commission
Meeting Minutes
February 18, 2009**

Committee Members in Attendance: Chuck Watkins, Bettie Bond, Bill Dixon, and Rennie Brantz.

Others in Attendance: Ricky Hurley-Planning Supervisor and Christy Turner-Planner

Call to Order

Chair Betty Bond called the meeting of the Boone Historic Commission to order at 2:12 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Commission Member Brantz made a motion to approve minutes as corrected and Commission Member Dixon seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Chairperson Bond updated the Commission on a recent walk thru of Grand Boulevard neighborhood by herself, Commission Member Watkins, and Jules Oroukin documenting the current appearance of houses within the neighborhood. Chairperson Bond led discussion for drafting a letter to property owners within the neighborhood to solicit their help and explain benefits that a historic designation would bring to the area. Chairperson Bond stated she would draft a letter and forward it to other Commission members for review and comment.

Commission Member Watkins updated the Commission on the intern's progress to date, stating the Ms. Oroukin had started working on the downtown business area first until the Commission could locate more information on the Grand Boulevard neighborhood. Currently only two or three properties are on the photographic list and the names have changed so it made it more difficult to locate the properties within the archival information. Discussion ensued regarding researching titles for owner history of property and seeking an intern to perform such research.

Chairperson Bond inquired if development of criteria would be ready in April and Commission Member Watkins indicated it would. Chairperson Bond also asked what is the process and timeline for the next quarterly public hearing in May 2009.

Chairperson Bond spoke about expanding the Commission's membership to allow other interested persons to serve.

Christy Turner, Planner spoke of the need for the Commission to seek a budget from Town Council to cover advertising, copying and mailings. Commission Member Brantz added that the current internship is \$1,000 split between the University and the Town, which covers one semester. Discussion ensued over exactly how much the Commission

needs to cover projected costs in the coming fiscal year. A consensus of \$3,000 was reached to request from Town Council.

Christy Turner, Planner updated the Commission on the status of the Henson House and Grace Lutheran Church plans for existing home on Tracy Circle.

Ricky Hurley, Planning Supervisor asked for clarification as to when the Commission would like to start drafting an ordinance for review.

The next meetings are scheduled for Wednesday, March 18, 2009 and Wednesday, April 22, 2009 at 2 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Bettie Bond, Chairperson

Ricky Hurley, Planning Supervisor