

## HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

November 14, 2006

5:30 p.m.

Members Present:           Cody Giles  
                                  Mike Overstreet  
                                  Sara Davidson  
                                  Phil Bailey  
                                  Harry Owens  
                                  Keith Mansel

After the meeting was called to order, the first order of business was to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2006 meeting. Motion was made by Commissioner Mansel, seconded by Commissioner Overstreet to approve the minutes without corrections. All members present voting Aye.

Chairman Giles brought for discussion regarding the creation of the proposed Jefferson-Madison Preservation District. Commissioner Bailey asked how the proposed district would effect properties zoned Downtown Business, what would they have to do differently than they do now? Chairman Giles answered stating that properties in the DB district if doing any exterior changes would have to apply for a Certificate of Appropriateness before the commission and follow the Design Guidelines adopted by the Commission. By following these, the structures or development would have to be in proportion and scale to adjacent properties, along with the continuance of the flow of the neighborhood being considered.

Commissioner Bailey recused himself from the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

Candis Varnell representing the Jefferson-Madison Preservation District came before the Commission to present a district boundary map requesting it for consideration of designation. Ms. Varnell informed the Commission that the proposed boundaries for the district were obtained from a survey preformed by John Hopkins and Associates for the City of Oxford in 1999. This area was recommended by the consultant as being an area which should be considered contributing in nature for local preservation designation. This area of the City is historically significant due to the fact of being able to trace its origins back to the founding of the City of Oxford in 1837. The propose district includes numerous historic and architecturally significant properties. They would like very much for the Commission to consider recommendation of designation of the proposed district. After discussion, motion was made by Commissioner Mansel to propose to move ahead with the recommendation of designation for the proposed district along with taking the next step of mailing out certified letters to all tax parcel owners, seconded by Commissioner Owens. All members present voting Aye.

The next order of business was brought forth for discussion. Commissioner Giles made the motion to ask the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to implement a freeze on demolition permits within the proposed preservation district until after the Mayor and Board of Aldermen have made their decision regarding designation, seconded by Commissioner Davidson. All members present voting Aye. Mr. Akers stated he would present the Commission's request to the Board of Aldermen at their next meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 6:14 p.m.