

## **PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

June 21, 2007

Be it remembered that the Oxford Preservation Commission did meet in regular session on Tuesday, June 12, 2007 in the City Hall courtroom with the following members present:

Cody Giles, Chairman  
Sara Davidson  
Molissia Swaney  
Mike Overstreet  
Phil Bailey  
Eva Price  
Teresa Flautt

After the meeting was called to order, the following business was transacted:

Corrections to the May 8, 2007 minutes: Last name of Byars added to Whitney and Walker. After corrections were made to the minutes, motion was made by Commissioner Overstreet and seconded by Commissioner Swaney to approve the minutes of June 12, 2007. All present voting Aye.

### **PLANNER'S REPORT**

City Planner Tim Akers informed the Commission of the ground rules for accepting presentations before the commission and read a disclaimer that must be signed by presenters. He also introduced Alicia Buford as the new Executive Assistant with Planning and Development.

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

There came for discussion a presentation of proposed project – 409 North Lamar Boulevard. The project was presented by Tom Howorth of Howorth & Associates, for a hotel that would replace the existing Church of Christ. Mr. Howorth presented a site plan and walked the Commission through a background of the project. The presentation indicated that the project would need to be setback a distance sufficient enough to maintain the existing trees on North Lamar Boulevard. Several different schemes were presented and discussion was made on the specifications of each plan. There was also discussion made regarding parking. Mr. Howorth commented that he was only seeking feedback from the commission, not an approval. After public discussion was made there was no action taken.

There came for discussion proposed Designation of Local Historic Districts by Mr. Jeff Asti. Mr. Asti informed the Commission that the Hopkins Study provided the boundary descriptions and stated that the Commission could either accept or modify the boundaries.

Discussion was also made that tax incentives for the districts would be proposed. After public discussion of the proposed districts, there was no action taken.

There was discussion made by Tim Akers of the process for the public hearing to be held on July 10 at the Oxford Conference Center. He informed the Commission that if a decision is made at the July 10 hearing that the first reading would be held on July 17, then a second reading on August 7, and the third reading or adoption on August 21. He also stated that certified letters have gone out to property owners within the proposed districts. Mr. Akers also informed the Commission that John Hopkins will be at the hearing on July 10 and that he has offered a work session prior to July 10. He stated he will email the Commission with date of the work session.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.