

CITY OF DARLINGTON
HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES

The City of Darlington Historic Landmarks Commission met on **September 13, 2021**, at City Hall, 400 Pearl St. Attending were commission members Mr. Abbott, Ms. Pruitt, Ms. Pierson, and Ms. Howle, as well as staff members Ms. Shafer and Ms. Rock.

Ms. Pierson called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

Minutes: Ms. Pruitt made a motion to accept the minutes from **May 3, 2021**, meeting. Ms. Howle seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Historic Grant Update: Ms. Rock informed the Commission members that the City of Darlington has been awarded grant money to survey historic features in Southeast Darlington. The City of Darlington was not awarded the PBHR Grant for the Roofs Over Darlington Project this round, but staff were encouraged to reapply in late fall.

New Business: Ms. Pruitt suggested that when re-applying for the Paul Bruhn Grant that the pictures be taken with a drone to document the condition of the roofs and create more accurate figures for the grant application. Homeowners would have to sign a form that gave the City permission to fly the drone over their properties to capture these pictures. She said that the City Manager could sign a permission form for the drone to flyover and take video from the street of each historic district. The Commission liked the idea and asked staff to move forward on it.

Ms. Pierson asked if the Historic Landmarks Commission had a seat on the Board of Zoning Appeals. Ms. Rock said the Commission that they have three seats available and that by City ordinance one member should serve on the Board of Zoning Appeals. During a previous City Council meeting, Mr. Milling questioned the legality of this, and Council did not approve Ms. Pierson's reappointment to that Board.

Ms. Howle suggested that Steve Smith who lives on Spring Street, a historical architect, would be a good addition to this Commission.

Ms. Rock said the Commission would be hearing more about the zoning issue with the CRC Building soon due to their initial zoning request being denied by the City Council. Ms. Pierson said that they could sell tax credits if they redo the 1920s parts of the CRC Building.

The meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.