

CITY OF DARLINGTON
HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES

The City of Darlington Historic Landmarks Commission met on **November 1, 2021**, at City Hall, 400 Pearl St. Attending were commission members Mr. Abbott, Ms. Pierson, Ms. Howle, Ms. Brasington, Ms. Pruitt, and Mr. Paugh, as well as staff members Ms. Shafer and Ms. Rock.

Ms. Pierson called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

The Board welcomed Mr. Paugh to the Historic Landmark Commission.

Minutes: Ms. Brasington made a motion to accept the minutes from September 13, 2021, meeting. Mr. Abbott seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

2022 Calendar: Ms. Pruitt made a motion to accept the 2022 Calendar year meeting, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall, on Monday, February 7; Monday, May 2; Monday, August 1; and Monday, November 7; and to move them as needed. Mr. Paugh seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Historic District Expansion: The Commission members discussed what information should be brought to council to explain why expanding the district is important and which of the members should be the one to present this information. The Commission asked that a pro-v-con information sheet on the advantages of being in a historic district be brought to Council and that Mr. Paugh present the information. The Commission members also discussed having the entire Historic Landmarks Commission be present as well as the homeowners who want to be part of the district at the City Council Meeting on November 9. Ms. Rock mentioned that it was possible for the homeowners to individually register their houses for the National Historic Registry without being brought forth to Council. The Commission members asked that more information be gathered for each of the houses that want to be added to the Historic District.

Mr. Paugh asked about getting an official historic marker for the McKeithan property on Orange Street so people know why that property is historic and to stop commercial businesses from doing whatever they want with that part of the property.

Historic Grant Update: Ms. Rock updated the Commission members on the Architectural Survey Grant that the City was awarded for the Southeastern part of Darlington FRQ deadline is November 30. Ms. Rock said that the City is working on an application for a tourism grant to transform the old Administration Building (The Julius Dargan House) into a visitors center, and that the City is applying for the Telling Your Story grant for a digital kiosk for the City's Public Walkway. The Commission members suggested having a portable kiosk and putting it in a secure area like a visitor's center or the museum. Mr. Paugh asked that the City looks at grants that will help the residential historic houses in the districts to be maintained. He also suggested that they investigate weather tightening for some of the vacant historic properties like someone did in Society Hill.

Mr. Paugh volunteered to be on the Board of Zoning Appeals to fill the Historic Landmark Commission seat on that Board.

The meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.