



# Charles City Historic Preservation Commission Minutes

August 10, 2022, 5:30 pm, 401 North Main St.



**Members Present:** Chair Carol Frye, Jason Webster, Mike Bauer, Michael Barrigan and Commission Secretary Mark Wicks. Not present: Mary Ann Townsend, Christopher Anthony, Laura Wallace, Phoebe Pittman and Student Advisors Xander Graeser and Bryce Walker.

Meeting called to order by Chair Frye at 5:36 p.m. ***Motion by Barrigan and second by Bauer to approve the agenda. All approved.*** Approval of the **Minutes from the June 22, 2022**, Commission meeting was ***motioned by Webster and seconded by Bauer. All approved.***

**Public comment period:** There were no public comments submitted

## NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

- **Wildwood Update** ... Webster reported that local contractor Brian Young had gone through the Wildwood Clubhouse and looked at it from different vantage points. There has been no further action by the Park & Rec Department or the City in regards to what to do with the historic building, which has significant structural issues, especially a cracked foundation. Barrigan said the City needs to determine the cost of saving Wildwood and let the public know so they can possibly help.
- **Sherman/Bailey Nursery Update** ... Paul Rottinghaus has purchased the historic property. Wicks said he was told some work had been done on one of the historic bridges and he stopped by to make sure it did not significantly alter the original, which is on the National Register of Historic Places. He reported it was not significantly altered.
- **Potential Register Sites** ... Wicks asked if there were any potential National Register sites the Commission was interested in pursuing nominations on. The **Charles Theatre** was brought up again, even though it declined once before from submitting a nomination. It was suggested we invite some of the theater Board volunteers to a meeting to discuss it. The **Sherman House** was another one mentioned, which current owner Barrigan would be in favor of. The **Floyd County Historical Museum**, which was the original Salsbury Laboratories, was also mentioned, as was the old **Masonic Lodge**, **Rick Jensen's house** on Kelly Street, **Joe Nettleton's house** and **Bill Harrold's house**.

## HISTORICAL MARKERS IN CENTRAL PARK

Wicks said he received an inquiry regarding the historical markers in Central Park, where they came from and what was the procedure of adding new ones? He said that was before his time on the job and asked if any Commission member had more information on that? It was suggested to contact former Community Development Director Veronica Litterer and pick her brain.

## QR CODES PROJECT

Commission had previously agreed to create a QR Code project to show histories of buildings in the downtown historic district. Frye asked to postpone this discussion until our Student Advisors could be part of the discussion, as Xander Graeser has already done some research on this.

## OTHER BUSINESS

- **Photo Puzzles** ... The Commission picked the nighttime photo of the historic Suspension Bridge by Steve Schiller for our first Photo Puzzle image as part of a new series of historic image puzzles to promote Charles City's history. Sales of the puzzles will help fund the HPC Website. Our cost for a 250-

piece puzzle from Unique Country Store is \$9.95 and suggested retail price is \$15.95 plus tax (\$17.07). An order will be placed so that we have the puzzles to sell in time for the holidays. It was ahead to release a new puzzle image every spring and fall.

- **History Trivia Night** ... No new information on this was available other than the Charles City Middle School plans on holding another Trivia Night this year and Phoebe Pittman has been talking to the local brewery about holding a Charles City History trivia Night.
- **Commission Photo** ... A photograph of the entire Commission is needed for the website. Since there were so many members missing this was pushed back to the next meeting.

The **next meeting** was tentatively set for December, with a Commission Holiday Social Event at Christopher Anthony's House. Wicks will check with Anthony to set the date and time.

Being no further business, the ***meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m. following a motion by Barrigan and second by Webster. All Approved.***

- *Minutes respectfully submitted by Mark Wicks*