



Villa Rica Historic Preservation Commission

Scheduled Public Hearing
Wednesday, April 24, 2019

The City of Villa Rica Historic Preservation Commission met in a scheduled Workshop/Special Public Hearing on Wednesday, April 24, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at the Holt-Bishop Justice Center, Municipal Court Room, 101 Main Street, Villa Rica, Georgia. In attendance was Chairman Nancy Mims, Vice Chairman Larry Cohrs, Commissioner Renee Hooks, Commissioner Kim Poer, Commissioner Alan White, Commissioner David Rogers, Ron Johnson; Planning and Zoning Specialist and Kirsten Pilgrim; Administrative Assistant. There were approximately (5) guests in attendance.

Chairman Nancy Mims called the Workshop/Special Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

INTRODUCTION TO WORKSHOP/SPECIAL MEETING

Planning and Zoning Specialist, Ron Johnson, began the Workshop/Special Meeting by announcing the purpose of the special called hearing. The purpose of the special called hearing was to reissue a vote of recommendation to designate the historical sites listed below. This special called hearing remained in compliance with state guidelines and legal obligations in regards to recommending designation of historical sites.

RECOGNITION/DESIGNATION OF HISTORICAL SITES

1. Old Villa Rica Cemetery – Dallas Road/Parcel Number V05 0110055

- Planning and Zoning Specialist, Ron Johnson, introduced the site to the Commissioners by presenting the location of the site, historical information and a series of photos.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Chairman Nancy Mims called for public comments. There were no public comments.

CLOSING OF HEARING OF SPECIFIC SITE:

Chairman Nancy Mims closed the hearing of the specific site.

RESULT: ADOPTED UNANIMOUS 6/0

MOVER: Commissioner Renee Hooks

SECONDER: Commissioner David Rogers

AYES: Chairman Nancy Mims, Vice Chairman Larry Cohrs, Commissioner Renee Hooks, Commissioner Kim Poer, Commissioner Alan White and Commissioner David Rogers

2. Hillcrest Cemetery – West Bankhead Highway/Parcel Number V07 0090005

- Planning and Zoning Specialist, Ron Johnson, introduced the site to the Commissioners by presenting the location of the site, historical information and a series of photos. Ron Johnson also stated that the vote of recommendation only pertained to the “Chambers Burial Ground” which is an inactive gravesite. There is

a possibility of the cemetery expanding their gravesite, for future burials, at a later date.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Chairman Nancy Mims called for public comments. There were no public comments.

CLOSING OF HEARING OF SPECIFIC SITE:

Chairman Nancy Mims closed the hearing of the specific site.

RESULT: ADOPTED UNANIMOUS 6/0; WITH CONDITIONS

MOVER: Commissioner Alan White (On the condition that the vote of recommendation of designation of this specific site pertained only to the “Chambers Burial Ground;” excluding further expansion of the cemetery for future burials).

SECONDER: Vice Chairman Larry Cohrs

AYES: Chairman Nancy Mims, Vice Chairman Larry Cohrs, Commissioner Renee Hooks, Commissioner Kim Poer, Commissioner Alan White and Commissioner David Rogers

3. New Hope Primitive Cemetery – 200 Old Liberty Road

- Planning and Zoning Specialist, Ron Johnson, introduced the site to the Commissioners by presenting the location of the site, historical information and a series of photos.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Chairman Nancy Mims called for public comments. Elaine Steere, representative of New Hope Primitive Cemetery, clarified the issue of “active burials” within the gravesite. The only “active burials” that are occurring are double burials that are plots that have previously been purchased. Iris Cohrs also informed the Commissioners that an active burial took place last month. Attorney, Sam Newsome, clarified that a Certificate of Appropriateness only applies to the material appearance of the site. The Vote of Recommendation should affect the appearance of the gravesite “as is.”

CLOSING OF HEARING OF SPECIFIC SITE:

Chairman Nancy Mims closed the hearing of the specific site.

RESULT: ADOPTED 5/1; WITH CONDITIONS – Vice Chairman Larry Cohrs Abstained

MOVER: Commissioner Renee Hooks (On the condition that the vote of recommendation of designation of this specific site pertained only to the Old Cemetery/Parcel 01460250012).

SECONDER: Commissioner Alan White

AYES: Chairman Nancy Mims, Commissioner Renee Hooks, Commissioner Kim Poer, Commissioner Alan White and Commissioner David Rogers

ABSTAINED: Vice Chairman Larry Cohrs

4. Powell-Marchman House – 318 Westview Drive

- Planning and Zoning Specialist, Ron Johnson, introduced the site to the Commissioners by presenting the location of the site, historical information and a series of photos.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Chairman Nancy Mims called for public comments. There were no public comments.

CLOSING OF HEARING OF SPECIFIC SITE:

Chairman Nancy Mims closed the hearing of the specific site.

RESULT: ADOPTED UNANIMOUS 6/0

MOVER: Commissioner Kim Poer

SECONDER: Commissioner Alan White

AYES: Chairman Nancy Mims, Vice Chairman Larry Cohrs, Commissioner Renee Hooks, Commissioner Kim Poer, Commissioner Alan White and Commissioner David Rogers

5. Connally-Marchman House – 614 Magnolia Street/605 Dallas Highway

- Planning and Zoning Specialist, Ron Johnson, introduced the site to the Commissioners by presenting the location of the site, historical information and a series of photos.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Chairman Nancy Mims called for public comments. There were no public comments.

CLOSING OF HEARING OF SPECIFIC SITE:

Chairman Nancy Mims closed the hearing of the specific site.

RESULT: ADOPTED UNANIMOUS 6/0; WITH CONDITIONS

MOVER: Commissioner Kim Poer (On the condition that the vote of recommendation of designation of this specific site pertained only to the Connally-Marchman House” excluding the church that is also located on the property).

SECONDER: Vice Chairman Larry Cohrs

AYES: Chairman Nancy Mims, Vice Chairman Larry Cohrs, Commissioner Renee Hooks, Commissioner Kim Poer, Commissioner Alan White and Commissioner David Rogers

6. Fullerville Jail – 121 Fullerville Park Drive

- Planning and Zoning Specialist, Ron Johnson, introduced the site to the Commissioners by presenting the location of the site, historical information and a series of photos.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Chairman Nancy Mims called for public comments. There were no public comments.

CLOSING OF HEARING OF SPECIFIC SITE:

Chairman Nancy Mims closed the hearing of the specific site.

RESULT: ADOPTED UNANIMOUS 6/0

MOVER: Commissioner Kim Poer

SECONDER: Commissioner Alan White

AYES: Chairman Nancy Mims, Vice Chairman Larry Cohrs, Commissioner Renee Hooks, Commissioner Kim Poer, Commissioner Alan White and Commissioner David Rogers

7. First Presbyterian Church – 519 Main Street

- Planning and Zoning Specialist, Ron Johnson, introduced the site to the Commissioners by presenting the location of the site, historical information and a series of photos.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Chairman Nancy Mims called for public comments. Ron Johnson stated that the State did not recommend this site for historic designation due to recent material changes of the site, however, the site still remains within state guidelines.

CLOSING OF HEARING OF SPECIFIC SITE:

Chairman Nancy Mims closed the hearing of the specific site.

RESULT: ADOPTED UNANIMOUS 6/0

MOVER: Vice Chairman Larry Cohrs

SECONDER: Commissioner Renee Hooks

AYES: Chairman Nancy Mims, Vice Chairman Larry Cohrs, Commissioner Renee Hooks, Commissioner Kim Poer, Commissioner Alan White and Commissioner David Rogers

8. Villa Rica City Hospital – 631 Spring Street

- Planning and Zoning Specialist, Ron Johnson, introduced the site to the Commissioners by presenting the location of the site, historical information and a series of photos.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Chairman Nancy Mims called for public comments. Ron Johnson stated that the State did not recommend this site for historic designation; pending further review on the closures of openings that were associated with the original site.

CLOSING OF HEARING OF SPECIFIC SITE:

Chairman Nancy Mims closed the hearing of the specific site.

RESULT: ADOPTED UNANIMOUS 6/0; WITH CONDITIONS

MOVER: Vice Chairman Larry Cohrs (On the condition that the vote of recommendation of designation of this specific site pertained only to the original hospital).

SECONDER: Commissioner Renee Hooks

AYES: Chairman Nancy Mims, Vice Chairman Larry Cohrs, Commissioner Renee Hooks, Commissioner Kim Poer, Commissioner Alan White and Commissioner David Rogers

9. Baptismal Font – 727 Spring Street

- Planning and Zoning Specialist, Ron Johnson, introduced the site to the Commissioners by presenting the location of the site, historical information and a series of photos.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Chairman Nancy Mims called for public comments. Ron Johnson stated that the State did not recommend this site for historic designation due to no clarification of the original date of the Baptismal Font, however, the site still remains within state guidelines..

CLOSING OF HEARING OF SPECIFIC SITE:

Chairman Nancy Mims closed the hearing of the specific site.

RESULT: ADOPTED UNANIMOUS 6/0; WITH CONDITIONS

MOVER: Commissioner Kim Poer (On the condition that the vote of recommendation of designation of this specific site pertained only to the Baptismal Font; excluding the house and surrounding landscape that is located on the property).

SECONDER: Commissioner Alan White

AYES: Chairman Nancy Mims, Vice Chairman Larry Cohrs, Commissioner Renee Hooks, Commissioner Kim Poer, Commissioner Alan White and Commissioner David Rogers

10. Wicks Tavern – 212 W. Wilson Avenue

- Planning and Zoning Specialist, Ron Johnson, introduced the site to the Commissioners by presenting the location of the site, historical information and a series of photos.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Chairman Nancy Mims called for public comments. Vice Chairman Larry Cohrs presented that this site is affiliated with Amidon Estates.

CLOSING OF HEARING OF SPECIFIC SITE:

Chairman Nancy Mims closed the hearing of the specific site.

RESULT: ADOPTED UNANIMOUS 6/0; WITH CONDITIONS

MOVER: Vice Chairman Larry Cohrs (On the condition that the vote of recommendation of designation of this specific site pertained only to the original structure of Wicks Tavern; excluding the addition to the property).

SECONDER: Commissioner Renee Hooks

AYES: Chairman Nancy Mims, Vice Chairman Larry Cohrs, Commissioner Renee Hooks, Commissioner Kim Poer, Commissioner Alan White and Commissioner David Rogers

ADJOURNMENT:

RESULTS: APPROVED UNANIMOUS 6/0

MOVER: Chairman Nancy Mims

SECONDER: Commissioner Renee Hooks

AYES: Chairman Nancy Mims, Vice Chairman Larry Cohrs, Commissioner Renee Hooks, Commissioner Alan White and Commissioner David Rogers

Historic Preservation Chairperson

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Office of Community Development

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