

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
FOR THE CITY OF HOSCHTON
THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2024 AT 3:00PM
HOSCHTON COMMUNITY CENTER
65 CITY SQUARE STREET HOSCHTON



MINUTES

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER at 3:01pm by *Chairman Vogt*

AGENDA APPROVAL *Dot McAlvin moved to approve, second by Dianne Blankenship, and all in favor.*

MINUTES APPROVAL

January 25, 2024 meeting – *edit to note that the February meeting was not held because there was no quorum present. Dianne Blankenship, Carol Tanner, and City Manager Jennifer Harrison were in attendance. Dot McAlvin moved to approve with the additional note, second by Dianne Blankenship, and all in favor.*

Chairman Vogt thanked Carol Tanner and Dianne Blankenship for hanging the historical photographs in the rear of the Community Center. Since most of the pictures are from the turn of the century, perhaps the committee could collect and add pictures from a continuing timeline.

Chairman Vogt also thanked Carol Tanner for arranging the historical items in the display cases located in the Community Center lobby.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. Time Capsule- *The completed time capsule contains the Shutterfly photograph book and other items curated by Dr. Hunter.*
2. Darby Building- *Joe Vogt will reach out to David Shepherd regarding materials needed to restore the floor.*
3. Murals- *City Manager Jennifer Harrison shared that the DDA decided to start with the location on the side of the Sliced building. Permission has been granted by the property owner and some money was budgeted towards a mural. What needs to be decided is the theme/topic/content.*
4. Budget/Fundraising: Wine tasting event- *Chairman Vogt shared the following ideas on behalf of Dr. Hunter since she was out of town:*

- *Charge \$25-50/person, dependent on wine offerings*
- *3 wines- 1 glass of each per person (additional could be made available at an additional cost)*
- *Buffet of appetizers*
- *Live music*
- *Silent Auction*
- *Location: Depot by Four Brothers (on a Sunday evening after their regular business hours, either 5:00-8:00 or 5:00-9:00)*

This could be a quarterly event, perhaps alternating wine and bourbon. A Darby-shaped donation box could be passed around to collect additional funds.

Discussion was had about the best date to hold the event and it was decided on Sunday, May 19th.

5. *Development of storyboards for Hoschton's founding families- Chairman Vogt would like to create a display of photos and history of the Hosch family to hang in the Community Center. He is envisioning 36"x 24" frames, perhaps 3 panels in total. Committee members would curate a draft version and then submit to a professional for production. This idea could be expanded to include other families of historical significance to Hoschton.*

OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmembers Tina Brown and David Brown were in attendance to talk about the Darby building. Tina Brown heads the Parks and Recreation council committee. She shared the Council's vision for moving the Darby building, as its current location near townhomes and commercial buildings does not honor its history. Ms. Brown would like the Darby building to serve as a visitors center near the entrance to the soon-to-be constructed Mulberry Park located at the corner of W. Broad St. and Mulberry St. She believes the building will be more visible, accessible, and visited at this location. Committee members discussed the costs involve with previous moves and mentioned that David Looper has previously moved the building. Mr. Brown asked about the significance of the Darby building. Ms. Tanner shared that it was an original building on the town square and city council meetings were held in it at one time. Committee members were amenable to the proposal of moving the building.

ADJOURN at 3:38pm by Chairman Vogt

*Present: Chairman Joe Vogt, Dianne Blankenship, Dot McAlvin, Carol Tanner
Absent: Marsha Hunter*