

SHT Board Meeting June 6, 2017

Present: Leon Konieczny, Flossie Gillen, Tacy Perry, Denny Gibbs, Peggy West, Kim Jones

Absent: Maria Shreve, Zach Waters, Amanda Spor

1) Call to Order 6:08

2) Approve Minutes

3) Officer's Reports

- a) Treasurer -Amanda not present but reports about \$27,000 in the bank; 1 new member
- b) Secretary-Kim presented idea for holiday luminaries during December 16th(?) lighted bike ride; will look into bags, candles, sand to possibly be sold by SHT
- c) President- Leon-
 - Heritage Park is a \$50 million project had unanimous approval by the City
 - New Tribes Ministry/Mayfair hotel is proposed but not yet zoned for a boutique hotel, if zoned will be bought and rehabbed as a 4 diamond hotel on 6 acres with 150 parking spaces
 - Preservation awards are ordered and will be delivered to the Historic Sanford Welcome Center in June
 - Has written two letters of support
 - 1) Wayne Densch Performing Arts Center requesting \$8000 grant
 - 2) Julia Brunson and St. James AME church's quest for rehab of building

4) Reports of committees/projects

- a) SHT is still in need of a replacement for Alec; Alec will stay around to train replacement; City has been approached to help for that along with requesting better signage for parking
- b) Leon reported the 'Images of Sanford' 2018 Calendar Project deadline is June 30, 2017
- c) Ginger reported to Leon the date of next Holiday Tour of homes meeting will be on Monday, June 12, 2017 at HSWC; will include 10-12 mid-century homes between 16th and 18th streets; they have spoken with members of the City/CRA and have 'good communication' going; Tour is set for December 2nd – 11:00 am until 8:00 pm
- d) Fall Harvest Festival to be held on November 5, 2017 and Leon reported that some money for closing the street will be provided by SHT

5) Old Business

- a) Board Governance Training in conjunction with HSWC and Love Your Shorts to be held June 17, 2017 at HSWC, 230 East 1st Street from 9:30- 11:30; all SHT Board members will attend except Maria

6) New Business

- a) Christine Dalton, Sanford Historic Preservation Officer spoke about her letter to SHT requesting funding for her upcoming trip to attend a June 25-30 training session in Birmingham, AL at the African American Center. She is one of 30 applicants selected. She received a \$1600 scholarship but needs additional funding to cover her airfare and lodging which she anticipates will be between \$956- \$1060. The training will focus on preserving buildings centered on the Civil Rights Movement. Christine would like to begin work on perhaps restoring the Sanford Civic Center, which received some notoriety for being segregated when it was built in 1959. It could possibly be placed on the Civil Rights Heritage Tour and be used as an event center when the acoustics and mid-century aesthetics are restored. She feels the training would be helpful in her endeavor. Flossie made a motion to approve and Peggy seconded; SHT Board voted unanimously to approve up to \$1000 for Ms. Dalton's request for funding.
- b) Julia Bronson spoke of her quest to raise funds to restore St. James AME Church, a Gothic Revival structure, which has been on the National Register of Historic Places since 1982. The church which celebrates its 150th anniversary this year is planning several fundraisers on its own including a "50 Under 50" gala at the Civic Center, a choir competition, block party, and a cookbook. The roof of the structure, built 1910 by Prince W. Spears, leaks and is causing destruction of the interior walls. Laser mapping was done of the walls last November. A grant will be submitted this year for a \$350,000 renovation project, but \$35,000 must be raised by the Church for consideration. The roof replacement alone is estimated to cost \$276,000. Julia is requesting help from SHT to raise the \$35,000 needed to pursue the grant. The AME congregation has a long term goal to rent the church as a wedding venue. Denny spoke of setting up a 'Go Fund Me' account to help and will look into it. Flossie made a motion to approve and Peggy seconded; SHT Board voted unanimously to provide \$1000 as a good faith gesture for Ms. Brunson's project; a larger donation was tabled due to restrictions on what the Board alone can approve at one time. Leon will ask the General Membership to approve a donation of up to \$5000 to help reach the \$35,000 goal.

7) Confirm next meeting date

- a) "June" General Membership meeting will be June 15, 2017- field trip to the Sanford Museum with Alicia Clarke at 7 PM. Reception with refreshments to follow.
- b) Next Board of Directors meeting will be July 11, 2017 at 6 PM
- c) No General Membership meeting in July; next one will be in August at St. James AME

8) Meeting Adjourned at 8:20 PM

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