

**VAN BUREN HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 10, 2005**

The Van Buren Historic District Committee held their monthly meeting at 5:00 P.M., Thursday, March 10, 2005, in the City Council Room at the Van Buren Municipal Complex.

**MEMBERS PRESENT: JOHN SYMONDS, CHAIRMAN
 DWIGHT HOPKINS
 RALPH IRWIN
 LARRY WEIR**

MEMBERS ABSENT: MARTIN DUCKWORTH

**OTHERS PRESENT: CAMI BROWN, REC. SEC.
 MARYL KOETH, A & P**

John Symonds called the meeting to order, and stated the first order of business would be the approval of the minutes from the February 22, 2005 Public Hearing. Mr. Symonds asked if anyone saw any changes that needed to be made. With no response to this question, Dwight Hopkins made a motion to pass the minutes as they were, with a second for the motion coming from Ralph Irwin. The minutes were approved with a unanimous vote.

Next item up on the agenda were the minutes from the last regular meeting held February 10, 2005. Larry Weir made a motion to accept the minutes as written, motion being seconded by Dwight Hopkins. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Next up was the corrected copy of the revised guidelines. Mr. Symonds pointed out that each member would find a copy of those corrected guidelines in front of them, along with a copy of the Ordinance 7-1977. Reference to that ordinance was added to the guidelines. After some discussion as to whether or not the ordinance itself was to be added to the guidelines, or just reference to the ordinance was to be added to the guidelines, it was decided the reference only would be in the guidelines. Anyone wanting to look over the actual ordinance can obtain a copy of

the ordinance through the City Clerk's Office at this time, as all ordinances are public record. There was some discussion of setting up a place on the Website for people to be able to go and pull up the ordinances referred to in the guidelines, but that was tabled for later discussion and review.

Next item discussed was the packet being put together for City Council's next meeting, as packets for that meeting would be sent out by Vivian Mitchell on Monday, March 14, 2005, and Historic District Design Guidelines must go out in that packet to be considered at the next City Council meeting. Mr. Symonds stated he was getting that together to present to City Council, and that he is, at this time, waiting on paperwork from City Atty. Candice Settle to attach to Historic District packet. Presented as a resolution will be Ordinance __-2005 amending Ordinance 2-1998, along with the new Design Guidelines.

Next up was discussion of grant monies and seminars/meetings that are coming up this year. Maryl Koeth was present to go over dates of upcoming meetings this year, and to inform the Committee that she needs to get applications completed and turned in for these events in a timely manner. After all events and dates of these events were discussed, it was decided that all information needed to go forward with applications and information pertaining to grant monies should be turned in to Maryl Koeth no later than April 1, 2005.

One more item brought to the Committee's attention was a phone call received by Maryl Koeth from Judge Jerry Williams in reference to the old jail section of the Crawford County Courthouse. The discussion was about the possibility of funds to help in the preservation of that section of the Courthouse. After some discussion, it was agreed to table this matter until a later date.

John Symonds asked if there was any other business, and with no response, the meeting was adjourned.

John Symonds, Chairman

Cami Brown, Rec. Sec.