

Fairhope Historic Preservation Committee Minutes
3 April 2014

Attendees: Rich Mueller, Gary Gover, Harriet Gutknect, Joe Birindelli, Sissy Birindelli, Donnie Barrett, Ross Hobbs, Ralph Thayer, Kay Marriott, Paul Mozley, Jonathan Smith, Nancy Milford

Harriett Gutknect presented the treasurer's report; we have a balance of \$30,065.60
Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Harriett reported that she has contacted Mary Shell, Alabama Historical Commission, for recommendations of companies/individuals to conduct update of historic properties report. Ms. Schell cannot make recommendations but suggested we contact cities that have recently conducted studies, i.e., Guntersville, Tuscaloosa and Opelika.

Harriet reported that David Schneider, who conducted the last Fairhope survey, has indicated an interest in conducting the update. Harriet was tasked to contact for an estimate to be used in the city's upcoming budget preparation. She will also discuss with him the potential for extended boundary coverage.

Rich Mueller stated he had talked with the city IT department about the need to add information on city website which could alert potential buyers of properties eligible for grants and tax incentives for historic preservation.

Donnie Barrett introduced Cart Blackwell, Architectural Historian with the Mobile Historic Development Commission, who briefed us on preservation activities in Mobile and national and local historic districts.

During the discussions the following suggestions were made:

Conduct public meetings to inform community of benefits of historic preservation and build support

Emphasize "Fairhope preservation" and sense of place (de-emphasize historic)

Define areas to be included in districts and document (update survey)

Obtain cost estimate

Utilize the expertise of Ms. Keri Renee Coumanis, MHPC Assistant Director, lawyer and ordinance writer

Donnie Barrett will invite Ms. Coumanis to our next meeting on May 1, 2014.