

FINAL MINUTES
OCONEE COUNTY ARTS & HISTORICAL COMMISSION
November 10, 2016
South Cove Park
6:00 pm

Members present were: Mari Noorai, Barbara Waters, Bette Borman, Henry, Richardson & Jeannie Dobson Barnwell

Also present were: Phil Shirley, PRT Director; Leslie White, OHC Director, Dick Mangrum, WGOG, Gene Borman

Call to Order

Mari Noorai called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm

Approval of Minutes

Motion to accept the October minutes after a minor change by Henry Richardson seconded by Bette Borman. Vote was **unanimously** carried

Discussion Items

1. **Arts and Historical Fall Reception:** We discussed feedback. Attendees appreciated an opportunity to get to know each other. In the future, the commission will plan to host two receptions a year. Tentative 2017 dates: April 20th and October 12th. Jeannie Dobson Barnwell requested that retiring board member be added to the invitation list so that they could assist with the events. Phil Shirley agreed to add their names.
2. **Historical Markers:** Ms. Leslie White reported on the history of places that members have suggested as spots for markers. Mari Noorai asked that members take into account geography, age, and ethnic considerations before selecting a new spot for a marker.
Ms. White has submitted a narrative to the State for the Beaverdam Baptist Church marker, but has not yet received approval.
Motion: Bette Borman made a motion that after the Beaverdam Baptist Church that the next site for a Marker be Beacon Mill in Westminster: Second
By Henry Richardson. Carried unanimously.
3. **Arts and Historical Award:** Ms. Noorai distributed proposed criteria for the Ambassador of the Year Award. The commission discussed details to be refined at next meeting.
4. **Arts & Historical Passport Program:** At the July Meeting, Phil Shirley presented the idea of issuing passports. Participants would visit sites in the county to have their passports stamped. There would be prizes for participants who visited all locations. Discussion continued. Bette Borman will work on a design for the passport.

5. **Sesquicentennial Celebration: Discussion:** The Commission's role in the 150 Year Celebration could be to call together representatives from organizations that might have an interest in sponsoring an event. Ms. Noorai will call these representatives together in the new year.
6. **Retiring Members:** Barbara Waters, Jeannie Dobson Barnwell, and Henry Richardson extended appreciation for the support that they received while serving on the Commission.
7. **2017 Meeting Schedule-** The commission will continue meeting on the 2nd Thursday of every other month at 6pm at South Cove Park. In addition, the Commission will hold a Spring and a Fall drop in reception at South Cove Park.
2017 Meeting Dates are:
January 12
March 9
May 11
July 13
September 14
November 9

The next meeting: January 12, 2017, 6:00 pm at South Cove Park.

Adjourn

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jeannie Dobson Barnwell