



Meeting Minutes

March 29, 2021

Call to Order

Chairperson Candace Head called the meeting to order.

Invocation

Mayor Ledbetter began with the invocation.

Approval of Agenda – March 29, 2021

Approve with the date fixed (March 23 > 29) and addition of Charles Reid book.

Approval of Minutes – September 28, 2020

Kay Williamson made the motion to approve the agenda with corrections.

Cathy Harbin seconded the motion.

The vote was unanimous.

– February 22, 2021

Cathy Harbin made the motion to approve the agenda with corrections.

Kay Williamson seconded the motion.

The vote was unanimous.

Chair Report

- **Blurbs:** HPC members had a “work meeting” on February 25th to gather information for the 44 properties for CLG. Cathy Harbin got Alan Stephens (former mayor) on the phone for additional information. Alan Stephens indicated that he would be available in the future but those plans fell through. The following Tuesday, Cathy Harbin and Candace Head had a two-hour meeting with Robert Lovett and got information; but not very much “targeted” information was gathered. Cathy and Candace also went through the Old City Hall and did a walkthrough/tour; as well as took two trips worth about six hours in the Courthouse basement researching deeds.

They actually went today, March 29, for about three more hours to continue research. Cathy Harbin spoke to a few people, such as: Sonny Moreland, Rue Smith, Robert Sibley, the the Loginos, and Kay Barnes.

- Jane Jones Gibson reached out to Candace Head and Cathy Harbin to have conversations about the Sutton family and the “Smith House”, located at 18046 Main Street.
- The Mike McDaniel Realty building sits on site of J.D. Sutton carriage house.
- The D&H Tax building is possibly the oldest building in Woodbury.
- Nancy Elrod provided photos and documents to Candace Head.

Mayor Updates

- Executive summary:

- Self storage started pouring concrete and the 6,000 square foot building arrived today. It is strictly add-on. No demolition will need to be done. Climate controlled car wash (touchless) will come in across the street from Ingles.
- The old Brash & Sassy building will come down to add a commercial area of businesses, comparable to North Gay.
- The Woodbury City Council approved for our Police Department to add cameras to Main Street and two ‘flock’ (tag readers). This will work in real-time. As the flocks read tags, if there is an alert, it will go to the officers’ computers.
- The City now has two months to get the CDBG application approved and turn in. the grant will be \$750,000 for the City. Mayor Ledbetter has informed everyone that the City is in very good shape to receiving the grant.
- The PlanFirst application has been sent to members of the community. Mayor Ledbetter asks for feedback as soon as possible.
- The City is looking at a June date for the dedication of the Woodbury Water Plant to Robert Lovett. The City staff will print and send invitations for the ribbon cutting ceremony.
- The paving project was scheduled to begin March 15th; however, there was a delay due to the weather. There is another challenge: the water and sewer lines are not run correctly.
- Loft apartments will go into the upstairs level of the 1911 building. They will look similar to ‘Residence Inn by Marriott’ hotels. There should be room for 10 apartments. There will also be a common area for washers and dryers, and also a conference room. There is room for an elevator to be added in as well.
- Chris White is still working on the house located on 111 Jones Mill Road. Progress is picking back up now and should be finished soon.

- Georgia Dept. of Transportation: wants to widen Main Street. Eventually they will take the parking from both sides of the street. This may not actually be a horrible thing for the City. This keeps trucks coming through Downtown. Also, the parking shouldn't be a problem after all of the additional parking places are made in the Downtown area.

- **Main Street Program update**
 - Kelly Gritts, the Main Street Program Director, has resigned. At this time the City has reached out to the state of Georgia for support.

- **Jane Fryer's KIA talk**
 - Jane Fryer came for the Planning and Zoning meeting this month and did a presentation for KIA. The City has over 100 acres available on "KIA Highway". The property that Cindy and Natalie Knight owned has opportunities available. This property is right behind Susan Hall, beside the Industrial Park.

- **Tennis Courts + Innovation Center (MACI)**
 - There is a walkthrough scheduled next Tuesday with Mayor Ledbetter and Drew Ferguson through George E. Washington Elementary School. Drew Ferguson initiated the conversation. Right now it is tentative, but we may have Commissioner Black with the Ag. Department with the State of Georgia coming as well.
 - Mayor Ledbetter will follow up with Brad Jordan at 2:00 PM Tuesday, March 30th. He owns a paving company in Manchester and will submit a bid to mill and repave both tennis courts.
 - There is a "naming opportunity" if Cindy and Natalie Knight would like to donate money towards this project.

CLG/Historic District Resource "Blurbs" Review/Discussion/End Game Planning

- This was spoken on earlier in the meeting.
- The blurbs should be complete within a couple of weeks.
- The H.P.C. will begin working with Planning and Zoning about Historic overlays and putting together a packet to help residents/business owners have better understanding of what they may need to get started. This will put everyone in a better situation to become successful.

New Business

- **Sample H.P.C. documents for initial review and discussion**
 - o Read over these documents to discuss at the next meeting.
 - o Businesses purchased within the 44 properties in the CLG application will need to have front façade changes approved by the H.P.C.

Member Comments

- Cathy Harbin began a discussion about Charles Reid's book from Nancy Elrod. It is a written history of Woodbury. The City could possibly make copies and bind them; to sell for about \$10.00 per book.

Adjournment

- Kay Williamson made the motion to adjourn.
- Cathy Harbin seconded the motion.
- The vote was unanimous.