



## Meeting Minutes

May 24, 2021

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### Call to Order

Candace Head

### Invocation

Mayor Steve Ledbetter

### Approval of Agenda – May 24, 2021

Motion: Cathy

Second: Kay Williamson

### Approval of Minutes – April 26, 2021

Motion to approve with corrections: Kay Williamson

Second: Cathy Harbin

### Chair Report

- Virtual Training; Historic Preservation: Education, Economics and Innovation
  - Copy of Workshop Recording:
    - Part 1: <https://tinyurl.com/3hy9edu2>
    - Part 2: <https://tinyurl.com/5xesndk5>

The one day training was very helpful to the HPC, per Candace Head. Particularly where the studies were shared and that everything points towards what HPC does for economic development in every city.

The presenter talked about historic buildings being real estate and the realities of that. The way those points were addressed provided ways to defend and show that historic buildings are worth the money and effort to be put into them for preservation/restoration.

You can look at presentations online and the presentation has been printed out. Described as inspiring and hopeful. Much of the information was brought from Main Street Programs for HPC.

DCA has a channel on YouTube that can be watched time and time again. The links provided can be viewed at any time.

The way the data was coorelated from economic development and hpc was hooked so tightly that the

presentation was brought up to City Council. Concrete evidence shows that HPC & economic development go hand in hand. Georgia leads the charge with HPC with them along the way. Woodbury is being proven to be doing well within surrounding communities.

All of the pieces of the puzzle are coming together. It is important to highlight the history of our buildings.

!!! @ 6:36

- Robert Lovett

Date has been set as June 26 at 10:00 AM. An update on his photo collection: Candace's brother in law, Jim, has spent a couple of afternoons with Robert Lovett going through the historic photos. When he gets finished there will be a better sorting of historic and family photos that Robert can share with his family and the city. Historic photos will eventually be brought to City Hall and presented to Joey Woodall for further sorting and filing with Robert Lovett.

- DDS Downtown Tour

Candace Head went on the Downtown tour with the DDA during their meeting. Physically walking around trying to visualise the future was very helpful.

- Canopies

HPC was asked to provide feedback on canopies/awnings for the 1911 building. The end result of their options chosen are not yet known. Dark green canvas was selected by Candace Head, representing the HPC. Samples/swatches will be brought in for review before the final decision is made. Will be brought back up in June meeting. Lagrange. Asked to provide us with swatches of Hunter Green and Dark Green. Also asked to do the pinning on edging (pinstripe). They said yes and will provide color samples to pair well with that dark green color. Looking to do two awnings pinned against the 1911 building, all the way at the top windows instead of the middle. Mayor has had conversation with Kim Smith at Paparella's Pizzeria and she is in agreement with the color selection. Carry swatches over to see how they will look in person. Also asked them for a price so the DDA will know how much money they will spend on awnings.

## Mayor Updates

Paving got completed. They will be back this week to cut out area on Durand where tape is. Cut asphalt piece out and remove it. What goes in is the 50 ft. flagpole with donation from Mark Moore. Donated the pole and is putting in a small monument under the flagpole with Ms Gill.

The other piece is the paver (bricks) going in. mayor will send something out in the next few days to decide what they should look like for the Police Chiefs. We skip 1924 - 1960 still. Have all Chiefs for 1961 forward. Still need help in finding those past Police Chiefs. If can't be found, leave empty spots until found. They are also putting in the metal bench around the area. Set up to showcase city and Chiefs.

City Hall sold, Police Department and shop sold. Fire Dept sold. Chunn building sold again. Resurrect Antiques and new owner of high Cotton have taken on new spark. Wanting downtown to be reinvigorated. Putting together pamphlet and banner together for business in the city. Banner will go to Peaches & Pines for advertisement.

Old City Hall is reclamation furniture. Old P.D. will be Mexican Restaurant with back patio. Mandy and April have the Old Fire Station but have not provided updates lately. Dan has 3 acres for sale for Susan @ \$175k. Master Plan still shows amphitheatre. Exempt for zoning. City nor P&Z are inclined to change that. If someone purchases, nothing can be done with it.

**!!! 6:48 naming the Susan Hall Amphitheatre.**

Candace been to Carrolton and have phenominal amphitheatre in Downtown. Stepped grass seating. Very nice. Idea for Woodbury Downtown. When not in use, people go sit and kids can play. It's just a public place.

Council heard a passionate argument on American Rescue Act. Money coming in for second wave of cares. Pros and cons. Had good discussion. Con: city can't reduce taxes for 3 years. Pros: city needs money to pave streets and continue improving Downtown. Approved to move forward to accept money. Mayor's recommendation to \$184k to the city for infrastructure and do a covid hazardous pay bonus for employees. \$70k to DDA. \$20k to recreation: City Park. \$10k to HPC to continue training and consulting. Could hire Alan Durham to do more work for the commission. Time frame: ½ comes to city within 30 days after the state sees it. Around July 1<sup>st</sup>. second ½ gets it one year later. Deadline to spend: within 3 years of receiving and justify what you spend it on.

DDS voted to approve the landscaping in front of S&G and Pizzeria. Push sidewalk an extra foot to extend sidewalk, clean out asphalt between curb and road, put 2 ADA approved walkeays for wheelchairs, 3 shoft [4 ft] slow-growing trees, mulch. Taking repeater tower down is in the works to be removed in sections and move repeater antennas over to the side of the building. May be a couple of months.

DDA has also been talking about loft apartments and HVAC on the roof, S&G will move up as well.

**!!! 6:55 AgTech**

Council approved City to spend \$10k for Azimuth grant writing. Georgia Power donated \$10,000 (Joey Barrett) to the grant writing process. Expecint ghtat to come through this week.

Stephanie Broxton asked to spend an hour with Mayor for partnership for inclusive innovation. Grant initially going to go after but didn't because date for final grant was May 8<sup>th</sup>. They called and said Woodbury has had great things said and wants City to participate in grant. Must fill out pre-application for the grant. Was finished and submitted the same day. Was told want to schedule for her team to have conversation with Mayor and that happened today at 4:30 PM – 5:00 PM. Greg and their partnership for inclusive innovation assigned research provider, Ada. She is on final team who will make decision on which of the 4 communities in the state will receive this grant. Mayor has to finalize application and have it in before next Tuesday. Greg's comment: "Steve, your community epitomizes exactly what this whole program is about and we want to work with you bcause high speed internet = 2 case studies to be written today. Even without grant I'm coming to work with you". Ada "this is exactly what we want in our program"

Went from no hope to being very hopeful that we will get there. 2 full time researchers and professors parter to plan work in community for next 2 years. Second year write grants to plan all of the work in front. No \$ amount but all is free to the City. More of an investment.

**!!! 7:01 – 7:08**

City had open records request wanting to know everything about the AgTech center. There are 159 pages of documents, just in what Mayor has done for this.

Tennis courts are coming along very well.

Gene Reynolds brought developer into P&Z. 37 acres off Bartee is under contract. Looking to put subdivision in near Folk Ave. turn of the century [early 20<sup>th</sup> century style] homes on ½ acre lots. City asked for a list of subdivisions previously done and he shared with Gene & P&Z during the meeting. Positive feedback. Senoia, Newnan, Fayetteville... time frame? Have something on the table within a month.

Mangham building: Justin have something to P&Z June/July.

## Member Comments & Discussion

!!! 7:15 – 7:17

No update from Terry Bowles. He refuses to have any conversation about the property. He needs to donate the property. City does not want to give him any money. Mayor has had conversation with EPD (underground tank division) promised that if city has ownership the EPD will remove the tanks for free to make it downtown parking.

!!! 7:25 – 7:33

- This month's quote:

*"Historic Preservation is a conversation with our past about our future..."*

National Park Service (NPS)

## Adjournment

Motion: Cathy Harbin

Second: Kay Williamson