



**MINUTES OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION MEETING
FOR THE CITY OF LEESBURG
Wednesday, August 25, 2010, 5:00 p.m.**

The Historic Preservation Meeting for the City of Leesburg held their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, August 25, 2010, at 5:00 p.m. in City Commission Chambers at City Hall. The following members were present:

Robert Bone, Chairperson
Guy Ross
William Hayes
Jane Sewell
John O'Kelley

City staff present included Director Bill Wiley and Admin. Assist Ernest Stevens, serving as board secretary.

Approval of Minutes – July 28, 2010

Mr. Ross made a motion to approve the minutes for July 28, 2010. Mr. O'Kelley seconded the motion and it carried unanimously without discussion.

NEW BUSINESS –

ITEM 1 – CITY OF LEESBURG – 216 S. 6TH ST. – DEMOLITION

Mr. Wiley provided information regarding the application and the request to demolish the building currently used by the City of Leesburg Environmental Services Department. This building was previously used as storage space and is currently vacant. The building has been in existence since 1914 and has deteriorated to such a poor condition that it is no longer inhabitable. Mr. Wiley provided pictures to illustrate the declining state of the building.

The building does meet the Historic District Guidelines for demolition as stated in detail by Mr. Wiley, this is not a significant structure to the district and the style is represented in other areas. The cost to rehabilitate the structure is not a feasible cost to which the City of Leesburg is willing to spend due to budget constraints.

Glen Howard, representing the City of Leesburg, informed the board members that the intended use of the property once the structure has been removed is for a parking lot to be installed for use by city employees working at the Environmental Services Department adjacent to the property. Currently the city is renting space from a third party for parking, this would remove that cost from the city.

Mrs. Sewell asked several questions, how many spaces would the area accommodate, what type of scenery would be installed, such as trees and what type of surface would be laid down for the parking.

Board members discussed the history and previous uses of the building for several minutes.

Action Item 1– Mrs. Sewell motioned to approve, Mr. Hayes 2nd the motion. All approved

ITEM 2 – STAFF APPROVED APPLICATIONS

No staff approved applications.

DISCUSSION

An open seat on the board is still available in the form of an alternate, Mr. Wiley did indicate that one application was received and is being reviewed.

OUTSTANDING HISTORICAL RECOGNITION

Mr. Wiley ask for any suggestions from the board for placement of the outstanding historic restoration sign, currently at InfoTrac. Mr. Bone proposed a home on S. 2nd Street, it appeared that it had been previously recognized. The sign will continue to be placed at InfoTrac until next board meeting.

NEXT MEETING -

Next meeting is scheduled for September 22, 2010 or be determined on an as needed basis.

ADJOURNMENT -

Mr. Bone motioned to adjourn at 5:25 pm, Mr. Hayes 2nd the motion.

John O'Kelley,
Chairperson

Ernest Stevens,
Administrative Assistant I