

**TOWN OF BLACK MOUNTAIN  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
September 19, 2007**

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The **Black Mountain Historic Preservation Commission** held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, September 19, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Public Safety Building, 106 Montreat Road.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order with the following members present:

Jane Reeves, Chair  
Martha Cummins, Vice Chair  
Mark Barker, Secretary  
Phillip Lamb  
Bill Munn

Staff:

Elizabeth Teague, Planning Director  
Rosa Hilbert, Administrative Assistant

Guest:

Gay Currie Fox

Consultant to the Commission:

Sybil Argintar

Chair Reeves declared a quorum present with five regular members. The meeting was duly constituted and opened for business.

**II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Vice Chair Cummins made a motion to adopt the agenda as written. The Commission passed the motion unanimously.

**III. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Bill Munn made a motion to adopt the minutes of August 7, 2007. Vice Chair Cummins made a motion to adopt the minutes of August 15, 2007 with a correction noted on page 5. The Commission passed the motions by consensus.

Chair Reeves recognized Gay Currie Fox for her service and dedication while serving as a member of the Historic Preservation Commission. Ms. Fox was presented a Certificate of Appreciation from the Historic Preservation Commission

**IV. OLD BUSINESS - none**

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

Consultant's Inventory Report – Sybil Argintar

Ms. Argintar presented a power point and a copy of the written report with background history. She said the report included an index of all the properties surveyed (350 properties). A narrative of the presentation is attached to the minutes. The second listing shows architectural description and history of the properties. She will present a study list and a summary of the project and a history of the Town in October in a report to the National Register Advisory Council in Raleigh, North Carolina.

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Ms. Argintar referenced the map and said there are two potential historic districts to go on the study list. The first district is the Church-Connally Street areas, which extends from New Bern Avenue to Church Street then to Connally Street on the north side. The period of significance is 1896 – 1957. The second district is the south end of Montreat Road, which extends through Fourth Street to First Street. The period of significance is 1915 – 1957 which is based on the earliest year through the 50-year cutoff. She said there are nine properties that are potentially eligible as landmarks or national register individual properties. Ms. Argintar noted some of the significant structures that are potentially eligible for Landmark or listing on the National Register:

Mills Chapel Church

House on Reunion Hill Drive on the northern part of Montreat Road.

House at 1134 Montreat Road – utilizing natural materials into the architecture

Robert O. Alexander house on Alexander road - highest points in Black Mountain

Kerlee House – (Originally part of Terry Estate) now the Bella Luna Inn

Black Forest Lodge on Laurel Lane

Camp Merri-Mac on Montreat Road – originally a sanitarium

Cabin Creek Lodge on Montreat Road

Thomas Chapel and cemetery

St. James Episcopal Church on Vance Avenue

Ms. Argintar said that once the properties are on the study list, the individual property owners could pursue individual nominations and or land marking. She advised that National Register information be compiled before local districting.

Vice Chair Cummins made a motion to send a letter of support the recommendations presented by Sybil Argintar to Claudia Brown in Raleigh and a letter of consideration for the Monte Vista Hotel to pursue landmark status. Phillip Lamb seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**VI. HISTORIC COMMISSION/STAFF COMMENTS- Reports and Communications,  
Community Announcements, Future Agenda items, Minor Works**

Ms. Teague said that the Monte Vista Hotel located and 308 West State Street is in the process of completing a National Register Application.

The Commission will present a summary of the inventory project to the Board of Aldermen along with some recommended goals and potential projects for the coming year.

**VII. PUBLIC COMMENT none**

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Vice Chair Cummins made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. The Commission passed the motion unanimously.

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Jane Reeves, Chair

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Mark Barker, Secretary

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Rosa B. Hilbert  
Senior Administrative Assistant  
Planning & Development