The Black Mountain Historic Preservation Commission held its regular meeting on Wednesday, February 19, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. in Town Hall at 160 Midland Avenue, Black Mountain, North Carolina.

I. CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present:
   Elaine Loutzenheiser, Chair
   Susan Leive
   Frank Cappelli
   Jim Fuller
   Ron Collins

Staff:
   Jennifer Tipton, Zoning Administrator

Others Present:
   Shawn Slome

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. and duly constituted and opened for business with a quorum of five (5) regular members.

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
The approval of the July minutes was removed. Frank made a motion to adopt the agenda as amended. The motion was approved by a vote of 5-0.

III. ADOPTION OF MINUTES
The September 18, 2019 minutes were amended to change 3rd graders to 4th graders. The minutes were approved as amended by a consensus vote of 5-0.

The October 16, 2019 minutes were approved as written by a consensus vote of 5-0.

The November 20, 2019 minutes were approved as written by a consensus vote of 5-0.

The December 11, 2019 minutes were approved as written by a consensus vote of 5-0.

The January 15, 2020 minutes were amended to change 3rd graders to 4th graders. The commission is going to try and find out when North Carolina history is taught in the schools. The minutes were approved as amended by consensus vote of 5-0.

IV. OLD BUSINESS
Susan Leive said that she had talked to the head of the Board of Directors for the Swannanoa Valley Museum and they are hoping to have a new director of the museum in March. After a new director is hired, then they would like to come and meet with the commission. Ms. Leive also said that she spoke to her stepson about the differences between high school artist students and college art students and that there is a big difference in the level of experience with drawing and projects. Frank Cappelli said that he had spoken to both the middle school and high school art teachers. The middle school art teacher was not interested and the high school art teacher is

Ms. Tipton mentioned that she is interested but is getting ready to go out on maternity leave. She did mention that the high school is going to be starting a new graphic arts program and Mr. Cappelli said he is going to try and get in touch with that teacher.

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. Determine Criteria for Coloring Book

The commission talked about what photos to have and talked about the possibility of having an old photograph and then an insert of a current photograph. The commission talked about also having photos of the railroad as it was such a big part of Black Mountain’s history. The commission talked about using the same consistency for graphics but also about the possibility of having a workshop at the library where local artists could come and draw the pictures from the photographs. It was determined that there could be twenty-six photographs for the coloring book and there would be a cover, a page of credits and then a purpose message on the back page. Also, each picture would have a couple of sentences to describe the building. The commission talked about the purpose of the coloring book being to promote and educate about the history of Black Mountain and the importance of preserving the old structures. It was decided that Jim Fuller will talk to AB Tech to see if they have any art classes that would be interested in drawing the coloring pages. Frank Cappelli will talk to the PTA at the school to see in what grade the children are taught about community and North Carolina history. Mr. Cappelli will also talk to Montreat College, Warren Wilson and UNCA to see if any of their art classes would be interested in drawing the coloring pages.

Ms. Tipton suggested that after the walking tour, the commission then look at more specific criteria for the buildings that are to be included in the coloring book.

VI. COMMUNICATION FROM HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

None.

VII. COMMUNICATION FROM STAFF

Jennifer Tipton said that the commission will meet at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 25th at Town Square for the walking tour to look at buildings that may be incorporated into the coloring book.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Susan Leive made a motion to adjourn at 6:59 p.m. The motion was seconded by Frank Cappelli and approved by a vote of 5-0.

Prepared by:  

Elaine Loutzenheiser, Chair

Jennifer Tipton, Zoning Administrator