

**TOWN OF BLACK MOUNTAIN  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

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The Black Mountain Historic Preservation Commission held its regular meeting on Wednesday, July 15, 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 6:02 p.m. with the following members present:

Susan Leive, Vice Chair  
Frank Cappelli  
Ron Collins  
Jim Fuller

Absent:

Elaine Loutzenheiser, Chair

Staff:

Jennifer Tipton, Zoning Administrator

Others Present:

LeAnne Johnson, Swannanoa Valley Museum Director

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. and duly constituted and opened for business with a quorum of four (4) regular members.

**II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Jennifer Tipton made an amendment to the agenda to move new business before old business. Jim Fuller made a motion to adopt the agenda as amended. The motion was approved by consensus.

**III. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Jim Fuller made a motion to adopt the minutes of June 17, 2020 as written. The motion was seconded by Frank Cappelli and approved by a vote of 4-0.

**IV. OLD BUSINESS**

**1. Chapter 1 of Historic District Guidelines**

Ron Collins and Jim Fuller rewrote section 1.4 of the guidelines to be more concise and to the point. With no other changes, Jennifer Tipton said that she would incorporate all of the changes that were made to Chapter 1 at the June meeting as well as replace section 1.4. The Commission will continue to work chapter by chapter and then Ms. Tipton will compile all changes into a final draft for review.

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Meet and Discuss Ideas with LeAnn Johnson and Sharon Tabor**

LeAnn Johnson, Director of the Swannanoa Valley Museum said that she was excited about the possibility of a partnership with the Historic Commission and working on projects. The commission first talked about the coloring book and Ms. Johnson said that Crayola.com can convert pictures into coloring pages. Ms. Johnson said if the Commission could get a list of the buildings together, then she can look for pictures. Ms. Johnson also said that the museum could

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do the stories for the pictures. Ms. Tipton will compile a list of the buildings that were selected during the walking tour and will send to Ms. Johnson and the Commission.

The Commission then spoke about the walking tour and Ms. Johnson said that the museum is working on a grant from Kiwanis to be able to purchase Go Pro's. To that note, Ms. Johnson said that there is an app that will allow you to upload photos and talking points and create a walking tour brochure, which can be offered for free or the user can be charged \$0.99 and it will have ads. The app would take a portion of the fees. There were ideas about making the walking tour a sort of scavenger hunt to find a rocking chair, a bear, sourwood bees or hives, etc. Ms. Johnson said that she would try to get the name of the app.

The Commission spoke briefly about some of the plaques that are on a few of the downtown buildings. Ms. Johnson said that she would also try to find the history of some of the plaques but that if the Commission wants to do a plaque program, then all of the plaques need to be consistent. She also suggested that it could be part of the walking tour.

Ms. Johnson then spoke about some of the activities that the museum will be starting, including the following:

- Outdoor activities – every other Saturday beginning in August
- Hunt for Davy Crockett's homestead
- Haunted Valley Rally – details are still being worked on but essentially people would be in groups in their own cars and would drive from site to site while a story would take place at each site along with reenactments
- Online exhibits
- History information on their Facebook and YouTube
- Our Pathways – a virtual tour
- Butterfly/Pollinator Garden

The Commission thanked Ms. Johnson for attending and will be setting up a tour of the museum.

## **2. Directives for Chapter 2 of Historic District Guidelines**

Jennifer Tipton gave everyone a copy of Chapter 2 of the Historic District Guidelines. Each member is to look through the guidelines and make notes about what changes need to be made to make the guidelines become standards. We will compile all of the changes at the next meeting.

### **VI. COMMUNICATION FROM HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

None.

### **VII. COMMUNICATION FROM STAFF**

Ms. Tipton said that training for the Historic Commission will be online this year. There is already one session available which Ms. Tipton will email to everyone. After viewing the training, each member who chooses to attend will need to write a synopsis of the training and send that in to the contact that will be provided in the email. Ms. Tipton will send out other trainings as they become available.

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**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Frank made a motion to adjourn at 7:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Jim Fuller and approved by a vote of 4-0.

Prepared by:

*Elaine Loutzenheiser*  
Elaine Loutzenheiser, Chair

*Jennifer Tipton*  
Jennifer Tipton, Zoning Administrator