



TOWN OF LA PLATA
Historic Preservation Commission Minutes
November 15, 2024, 11:00 AM
Regular Meeting

PRESENT: Councilman David Winkler
Rich Gilpin
Steuart Bowling
Jane Hobbs

ABSENT: Paddy Mudd, Mary Beth Chandler

TOWN STAFF: Brent Manuel, Town Manager, Jeanine Harrington, Director of Planning, Karina Larsen, Town Treasurer, Kelly Phipps, Director of Legislative Services, Bobby Stahl, Director of Operations, and Mike Payne, Lieutenant

GUESTS: See Roster

1. Call to Order

1.1. Call to Order

Chair Gilpin called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM.

1.2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Gilpin led all assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Approval of Minutes

2.1. Approval of minutes from meeting on September 20, 2024.

Mr. Bowling moved to approve the minutes of the meeting on September 20, 2024, as presented.

Moved By: Steuart Bowling, seconded by David Winkler.

Passed Unanimously

3. Matters of Discussion

3.1. Workgroup Reports

- Train Station Museum (Bowling)
 - Small Business Saturday (Phipps)
 - Book Release (Puzzilla)
- Historic Plaques (Chandler)
- Tornado Observances (Bowling)
- Firehouse Museum (Rosenthal)
 - Building Inspection Update (Phipps)

- Train Station Museum (Bowling): Apparent wood rot behind outside station sign; Repairs to the caboose do not appear to be finished
 - Small Business Saturday (Phipps): Toy trains have been ordered to hand out; SMECO will have a booth in front of the Train Station Museum
 - Book Release (Puzzilla): Projected release in 2026, featuring the La Plata Train Station
- Historic Plaques (Chandler): Not present
- Tornado Observances (Bowling): No updates
- Firehouse Museum (Rosenthal): Overview of meetings to date
 - (Gilpin) Objective: Reopen museum dedicated to La Plata general history, not just firefighting; Target opening date: April for Celebrate La Plata; Next step: Meeting with LD Holmes Architects by 12/01/24 to solidify contract requirements, to include phased opening; Councilman Winkler to set meeting
 - Building Inspection Update (Phipps): Feasibility study will advise on proposed opening timeline; Altered scope of work will increase cost of contract, to be borne by Historic Preservation Commission
 - Chair Gilpin moved to obligate up to two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) to revise existing contract .
Moved By: Rich Gilpin, seconded by Steuart Bowling.

Passed Unanimously

4. Other Business

No other business.

5. Matters of Information

5.1. Town Council Report

Councilman Winkler had no report.

5.2. Staff Report

Director Phipps reported on the following:

- Elections
 - Nomination packets are available online and at Town Hall
 - Voters may register through Charles County Board of Elections or at Town Hall
- Maryland 250 Commission is offering grants for projects related to Maryland history and civic education; See webpage for more information <https://mdtwofifty.maryland.gov/>

6. Adjourn

6.1. Adjournment

The next meeting will be on January 25, 2025, 11:00 AM, in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., birthday on January 20, 2025.

Mr. Bowling moved to adjourn at 12:00 PM.

Moved By: Steuart Bowling, seconded by David Winkler.

Passed Unanimously

Submitted by:

Kelly G. Phipps, Interim Town Clerk