

Henniker Historic District Commission Minutes
January 13, 2009
Town Hall Conference Room

Present: Jon Evans, Barbara Gezelman French, Martha Taylor, Danielle Bissonnette, Peter Gilbert, District Commissioners, and Tom Dunn, Alternate Commissioner.

- 1) Moved and approved the October 14, 2008 minutes.
- 2) We again discussed the request to appoint a representative to the Steering Committee for the Community Profile Project. Jon Evans did not want to continue as a representative. Tom Dunn indicated that he would consider volunteering.
- 3) The status of moving the Sounding Board was discussed. Martha reported that Terry Stamps is now the Sounding Board Chair for the Historical Society. It was reported that she may call Jon to help with getting very accurate measurements of it to assure that it will fit into the Society building.
- 4) We then discussed what trees in the Historic District may be memorial trees. We agreed that a small plaque should be erected near each such tree. The only two that we could come up with were the Bound Tree sapling and the Ronald Rosenbleeth maple. Peter is going to correctly identify where each is and Martha is going to advertise to find out if there are any others.
- 5) A member asked if we should try to get a grant to set up any other Historic Districts in town. After much discussion it was decided that another member would bring a proposal to the next meeting if research deemed that it might be a good idea.
- 6) We agreed to look into the idea of finding non-tax monies to renovate the upstairs of Town Hall as a long-term goal. Our first step is to see if any estimates of the work needed have been done in the past.
- 7) Member recruitment was again discussed. We discussed the qualities needed to be a contributing Commission member or alternate. Some professional qualifications were mentioned; Architect, Realtor, Historian, long-term Resident, Builder, Attorney, NEC connected, established local organization member, and well-connected community member, all of whom should have an interest in preserving Henniker's history. We currently have four openings for Alternate Members. Next meeting we will come back with names of suggested possibilities.
- 8) Meeting adjourned at 11:10am.
- 9) The next meeting will be on **APRIL 14, 2009 AT 9am IN TOWN HALL.**

Martha Taylor
Secretary