

1 **Minutes of the**
2 **New Bern Historic Preservation Commission**
3 **December 17, 2014**
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5 The New Bern Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) held a regular meeting on Wednesday,
6 December 17, 2014, in the second floor courtroom of City Hall, 300 Pollock Street.

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8 **Members Present:** Tim Thompson, Chair Jim Morrison
9 Mickey Miller David Griffith
10 Jerry Walker Cheri Moyers
11 Nancy Gray
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14 **Members Excused (E)/Absent (A):** John Young (E); Tripp Eure (E)
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16 **Staff Present:** Kevin Robinson, AICP, City Planner
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18 The meeting was opened and roll call was taken. A quorum was present. Commissioner
19 Thompson introduced new commissioner, Cheri Moyers, and recognized out-going
20 commissioner, Richard Parsons, with the friendly, honorary designations of “Contributing
21 Structure” and (landmark designation) “Mr. Grumpy”, moved by Commissioner Miller and
22 seconded by Commissioner Gray.
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24 November minutes were considered for approval. Commissioner Morrison moved, and
25 Commissioner Miller seconded that the reading of the minutes be waived. Motion carried.
26 Corrections were made. Commissioner Gray moved and Commissioner Miller seconded that the
27 minutes be approved with amendments. The motion was approved. As there were no COA
28 hearings on the agenda, no witnesses were sworn in.
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30 **Other business**

31 **A. Administrative Updates and Discussion**

32 **1. Review of the HPC Ordinance Amendments:** Commissioner Thompson reviewed the
33 history of the proposed amendments. He then asked Ordinance Amendment Committee
34 Members, Mickey Miller, Jim Morrison, and Kevin Robinson, to present their recommendations
35 regarding the proposed amendments. City Attorney, Scott Davis, then offered his comments,
36 including a history of the existing ordinance and his procedure for addressing the ordinance
37 update. Commissioner Thompson opened up discussion to the other Commissioners, and the
38 public. Commissioner Thompson then read some emailed questions and comments he had
39 received. Next he clarified that the first public hearing on the ordinance updates would be held
40 by the Planning and Zoning Board, as the HPC does not have authority to hold public hearings
41 on this section of Land Use Ordinances. Therefore, he emphasized that the task at hand for the
42 evening is to give Staff Robinson and City Attorney Davis their blessing to present the request to
43 update the ordinances to the Planning and Zoning Board. This “approval” is not necessary for

44 Staff to proceed with the update procedure, but is preferred. Commissioner Morrison moved that
45 the HPC recommend Development Services forward the draft Ordinance to the Planning and
46 Zoning Board with the HPC's recommendation for approval. Commissioner Miller seconded.
47 Motion approved. Projected date for Planning and Zoning to address the ordinance changes will
48 be the first Tuesday in January 2015 (6th).

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50 There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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53 Tim Thompson, Chairman

Kevin Robinson, AICP
City Planner