

The regular meeting of the Elkins Historic Landmarks Commission (EHLC) was called to order at 7:10 p.m. on Wednesday, March 10, 2009.

Members of the commission in attendance were Carol Schuler, Ellen Spears, Phyllis Baxter, and Logan Smith.

Minutes were presented by Phyllis Baxter and approved unanimously.

Treasurer's report was presented by Logan Smith and included discussion of financial entries showing a loss projected for 2009. A brief discussion of ideas to collect funds took place. The report was approved for filing.

Kump House report – Heather Biola presented a newly created brochure describing the mission of the Kump Educational Center. She also said that a State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) development grant will be submitted and needs support letters.

Carol stated the need for EHLC to apply for a SHPO development grant. The grant we are applying for will help us to begin to preserve the Darden House by addressing some of the major issues, the porch and roof restoration, creating a meeting space for non-profit organizations, and revitalizing a contributing structure of historic downtown Elkins. Eight support letters are necessary to accompany the grant. Sources for support are: Elkins-Randolph County Chamber of Commerce, City of Elkins, Davis & Elkins College, Kump House, MSFF, AFHA, C-HOPE, Randolph County Community Arts Center, Randolph County Historical Society (Don Rice).

EHLC is willing to write support letters for development grants being submitted for projects at City Hall, Riverside School, and First Ward School.

Carol stated the need for a day long retreat to help determine the goals of EHLC. The retreat is planned for Thursday, April 2, 2009 at the Darden House from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Members will email to confirm the retreat plans.

There is still a need to recruit a fifth commissioner for EHLC. Discussion took place about the importance of establishing a liaison with the Elkins City Council.

A short discussion took place concerning the position of EHLC in the community. What is our goal? What is our mission?

The ON TRACK assessment team will be in Elkins on April 13th & 14th. EHLC is invited to reception at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, April 13th at the RCCAC. Carol will make a statement on behalf of EHLC. Team will include: Monica Miller, Main Street WV, Delphine Coffey, Main Street, WV, Mike Gioulis, National Trust, Architectural consultant, Lauren Adkins, National Trust. There is a chance that Randy Lewis from Martinsburg (our sponsor city) may also attend but not confirmed.

Elkins-Randolph County Chamber of Commerce donated a computer and chairs to EHLC. The computer needs a hard drive. An allocation of \$60.00 was approved to purchase one if one is not donated. EHLC is also looking for a donated desk.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.