

**CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE**  
**Historic Preservation Commission**

**Minutes of the Meeting of April 19, 2023**

**Commissioners Present:** Cheryl Jones (Chair), Jim Welter (Vice-Chair), Ralph Hammond-Green, Jane Branigan, Anthony Baltiero, and Jim Boyd

**Commissioners Absent:** Crystal Cauley and Chris Battista

**Staff Present:** Alexandra Hunt, Planner I

I **Call to Order.** Acting Chair called the regular meeting of the Hendersonville Historic Preservation Commission to order at 5:01 pm.

II **Public Comment.**

Thomas Appleby, 100 Minihaha Dr., Bat Cave, NC 28710 stated his concerns about the traffic circle by the ice cream shop, the need to develop the existing railroads to create transportation and new jobs, and the parking requirements downtown specifically the look of the kiosks on historic main street.

Ken Fitch, 1046 Patton Street, Hendersonville, NC 28792, recommended the need for signage at Edwards Park that would describe the history of the park.

Francis Purdy, 100 Minihaha Dr., Bat Cave, NC 28710, stated her concerns from a tourism point of view regarding the new paid parking on Main Street and that there needs to be more signage about where the kiosks are located and the cost of parking.

III **Agenda.** A motion was made by Commissioner Welter and seconded by Commissioner Baltiero to amend to add the approval of the March 15<sup>th</sup> Minutes and approve the agenda as amended.

IV **Minutes.** On motion of Commissioner Hammond-Green and seconded by Commissioner Boyd the minutes of the meeting of March 15, 2023 were approved.

V **Other Business.**

V(A) **Staff Update – Edwards Park Construction**

Alexandra Hunt, Planner I stated that a presentation on the Edwards Park Construction will be given at the May Regular Meeting.

V(B) **Staff Update – HPC Website**

Alexandra Hunt, Planner I provided a preview of the new HPC website and asked the Commission to provide feedback. The Commission agreed that the banner image on the homepage should be changed to a different photo that represents Historic Hendersonville. Ms. Hunt stated that she will work with VC3 to change the image.

V(C) **Committee Updates**

Commissioner Baltiero discussed the Preservation Week event at the Blue Ridge Community College library and that there will be a table for the HPC on May 3<sup>rd</sup> to join other local committees and organizations within the community. Ms. Hunt stated that she will send an email to the Commission for a sign up sheet to staff the table on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

VIII **Adjournment.** The Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

  
Chair