

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION  
Wednesday, May 29, 2013

The Historic District Commission held a called meeting on Wednesday May 29, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Graham Municipal Building. Commission Members present were Cary Worthy, Jimmy Linens, Brenda Sykes, Lauren Nance, Denise Baker and Steven West. Larry Brooks, Hayes Teague and Eric Crissman were absent. Staff members present were Melissa Guilbeau, City Planner, and Martha Johnson, Zoning/Inspections Technician.

Steven West called the meeting to order.

1. A motion was made to approve the minutes from the April 3, 2013 meeting by Cary Worthy and seconded by Lauren Nance. The motion carried unanimously.

2. The next item was a request by the Graham Presbyterian Memorial Garden (COA1301) committee for a Certificate of Appropriateness to construct a Memorial Garden on the grounds between the church and West Harden Street. The Memorial Garden will include a 7-1/2 foot tall brick wall, two brick and stone benches, and new landscaping all flanking a circular brick paver area and connecting path. Mr. Bill Cline of 1300 Branson Drive spoke on behalf of the committee working on this project for the church to handle members' ashes for cremation who wish to use the garden. Mr. Cline stated that the church sign has a cement cap and so will the wall. He said the brick matches the fountain but not the brick on the church. The wall is only six and half feet tall instead of seven feet because it drops below the pavers. Also the wall is fifteen feet across with two benches at the wall.

Mr. Cline stated that the cross on the wall is an open space. Cary Worthy asked if from Harden Street could you see the back and one side of the wall and Mr. Cline replied yes. Cary Worthy stated that the foliage will hide a lot of the view of the wall. Cary Worthy made a motion to approve, second by Brenda Sykes. The motion carried unanimously.

Steven West thanked Melissa Guilbeau for letting the members of the Board know about the Historic Preservation Workshop and thanked her for attending the workshop.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Martha Johnson