



**Lafayette Consolidated Government
Lafayette Historic Preservation Commission (LHPC)**

Minutes of the January 18, 2024 Meeting of the
Lafayette Consolidated Government LHPC
Held at 3:00 p.m., Rosa Parks Transportation Center Multi-purpose Room 116
101 Jefferson Street, Lafayette, Louisiana
These minutes are not a verbatim transcript.

Members Present

Bob Carriker
Laura Hughes
Felicia Kaplan
Clint Mouton
William Riehm
Kelly Russo

Staff Present

Cathie Gilbert, Planning Manager
Roxana Usner, Planner II

Absent

none

I. Call to Order

Commission Chair, William Riehm, called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

MOTION: Bob Carriker made a motion to amend the agenda to address item 9.1 at the beginning of the meeting.

SECOND: Hughes

VOTE: 6-0-0-0

AYES: Carriker, Hughes, Kaplan, Mouton, Riehm, Russo

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion Carries.

II. Visitor Introductions

Denise Lanclos, Preservation Alliance of Lafayette

III. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the November 16, 2023 meeting.

MOTION: Bob Carriker made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2023 regular meeting of the Lafayette Historic Preservation Commission.

SECOND: Hughes

VOTE: 6-0-0-0

AYES: Carriker, Hughes, Kaplan, Mouton, Riehm, Russo

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion Carries.

IV. Communications

None

V. Consideration for Nomination

None.

VI. Consideration for Designation

None.

VII. New Business

Report on Sterling Grove and Nickerson-Parkerson – Roxana Usner presented responses from the mail sent to property owners of Sterling Grove and Nickerson-Parkerson neighborhoods, showing only a few responses from Sterling Grove and several from Nickerson-Parkerson. All property owners who responded indicated their interest in creating a district

VIII. Old Business

1. Lafayette Preservation Plan 2024 Timeline – Roxana Usner reported on the proposed timeline for creating a preservation plan. Commission members provided comments. Discussion determined that the plan should:

- a. Demonstrate how historic districts have resulted in in property value increases and connect to Lafayette’s economic development and real estate values.
 - b. Showcase Lafayette’s historic and cultural stock.
 - c. Connect with movements that are already existing, such as the significance of Mid-City neighborhood.
 - d. Look at what will become historic and work with LCG to define districts with street improvements.
 - e. Define our values. State what the future will hold for the cultural and historic areas.
 - f. Incorporate assistance to historic property owners such as banks who have provided loans for historic rehabilitation projects and historic trades exhibitions and workshops.
2. Preservation Plan Professional Services Companies – Roxana Usner shared research on the top industry consultants who have written proven preservation plans. Commission member Kelly Russo suggested that prior to writing a Preservation Plan, LHPC first needs help from a public relations firm who can assist with educating the public and helping Lafayette citizens and administrators understand and delineate what is worthy to preserve.

IX. Other Business

1. Commission Members’ Oaths of Office – This item was addressed at the beginning of the meeting. Members took Oaths of Office, assisted by Attorney Paul Escott
2. Commission Housekeeping Items – Cathie Gilbert noted that One Acadiana has engaged a consultant to create an Economic Action Plan. As part of this work, they created a map of Lafayette’s urban core. It can be viewed on One Acadiana’s website at <https://fenstermaker.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/8f3a7cb2330047bc8c9784ba227ed8f4>



X. Public Comment

None

XI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote at 4:35 pm.

Minutes were prepared by Roxana Usner on 1/19/2024.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roxana M. Usner". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Roxana M. Usner
Planner II