

**CHATHAM COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING**

**REGULAR MEETING  
110 EAST STATE STREET**

**ARTHUR A. MENDONSA HEARING ROOM**

**February 7, 2007**

**2:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

**CCHPC Members Present:**

**Daves Rossell, Chairman  
George Cohen  
Vaughnette Goode-Walker  
William Haynes  
Stephen T. Lindell  
Pamela G. Lossing  
Christian Sottile  
Lisa L. White**

**CCHPC Members Not Present:**

**Alexander Luten, Vice-Chairman**

**CCHPC/MPC Staff Members Present:**

**Ellen Harris, Historic Preservation Planner  
Janine N. Person, Administrative Assistant  
Marisa Gomez, Historic Preservation Intern**

**I. WELCOME**

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

**II. INTRODUCTIONS**

**Dr. Rossell** asked everyone to give brief introductions.

**III. GUEST SPEAKER**

**Ms. Harris** introduced the speaker, Ms. Kaye Kole, an historian and author. She said Ms. Kole would be speaking about Jewish history and contributions in Chatham County.

**Ms. Kole** thanked the Commission, and gave a brief overview of the book she co-authored entitled, "Voices of Savannah: Selections from the Oral History Collection of the Savannah Jewish Archives."

The Commission members asked several questions relating to her presentation.

**Dr. Rossell** thanked Ms. Kole.

**IV. PRESENTATION ON “MARIDON”**

(Historic Property on Wilmington Island)

**Ms. Harris** introduced Mrs. Joyce Fischer, who owns a historic house on Wilmington Island, not identified on the County’s historic resources list, and had contacted her in November. Mrs. Fischer is interested in having the house on the Chatham County Register of Historic Places, as well as the National Register of Historic Places. Ms. Harris met with Mrs. Fischer at the property and, Mrs. Fischer provided historical documents that Ms. Harris will use to do some research. Ms. Harris presented a slide show of photographs to familiarize the Commission with the property. Mrs. Fischer and her brother, Mr. Rogers gave history of the house and the items located on the property. Mrs. Fischer said the house was mentioned in the book, “Once Upon An Island,” as the “Eureka Club”, but is referred to elsewhere as “Maridon.” The house was built in 1891.

**Dr. Rossell** stated it was an exceptional opportunity, and thought the house could be the first designee on the Chatham County Register of Historic Places. It shows a side of Wilmington that is disappearing. He suggested volunteering SCAD students to do measured drawings of the building and a site plan to support the nomination.

**V. UPDATES**

- A. Contact with Communities/Individuals Interested in District or Property Nominations

**Ms. Harris** said the New Ogeechee Missionary Baptist Church, is in the process of completing the paperwork for listing on the Chatham County Historic Register. She said Sandfly is still in the process of completing their paperwork in conjunction with the National Register nomination.

- B. Vernacular Architecture Forum, March 28-31, 2007

**Dr. Rossell** passed out Vernacular Architecture Forum booklets, and said the conference will begin on March 28, 2007. He said the keynote speakers will be Dr. Charles Elmore and Mr. Buddy Sullivan, with a poetry reading by Ms. Vaughnette Good-Walker. He gave a brief description of the different historical tours and the itinerary.

**V. OTHER BUSINESS**

- A. Historic Preservation Commission Training Opportunity- St. Mary’s, GA, April 27-28, 2007

**Ms. Harris** stated Ms. Goode-Walker and Ms. Lossing went to the last Historic Preservation Commission training, and she recommended that others attend. She said that the MPC has funds to send one person from the Commission. Registration is not open yet, but she wanted to give the information to the Commissioners so they could check their schedules for availability. At the March meeting the Commission could decide who would go.

**Dr. Rossell** said he would like to be a part of the team, along with Mr. Cohen who has expressed an interest to attend.

**Ms. Goode-Walker** also stated she is considering attending.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

**Dr. Rossell** announced that the next meeting would be held on Wednesday, March 7, 2007, at 2:00 P.M. in the Arthur A. Mendonsa Hearing Room.

There being no further business to come before the Chatham County Historic Preservation Commission the meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ellen Harris,  
Preservation Planner

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