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HISTORIC SITE & MONUMENT COMMISSION

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Arthur A. Mendonsa Hearing Room  
November 3, 2016 4:00 P.M.  
Meeting Minutes

**NOVEMBER 3, 2016 HISTORIC SITE AND MONUMENT COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING**

**HDRB Members Present:** Eli Karatassos, Chair  
Thomas Gensheimer, Vice-Chair  
Dolores Engle  
Dr. Nicholas Henry  
Kristopher Monroe

**HSMC Member Not Present:** Ryan Madson

**MPC Staff Present:** Ellen Harris, Director of Urban Planning and Historic Preservation  
Sara Farr, Historic Preservation Planner  
Mary E. Mitchell, Administrative Assistant

**I. Call to Order and Welcome**

1. [Order and Welcome](#)

**Mr. Karatassos** called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance. He outlined the role of the Historic Site and Monument Commission.

2. [Plaque Presentation to Walt Harper](#)

**Mr. Karatassos**, on behalf of the Historic Site and Monument Commission and staff, presented a plaque to Mr. Walt Harper for the many years of dedicated service he rendered to the Review Board from 2008 to 2016. Mr. Harper served on the Commission due to serving as chair of the Park & Tree Commission.

**Mr. Harper** thanked the Commission for the plaque and said it was a pleasure serving on the Commission. Some requests they were able to do and some they were not able to do, but the Commission has to abide by the rules and regulations.

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**Mr. Karatassos** informed the Commission that when the legislation created the Park & Tree Commission, a five member board was created. At some point later, City Council voted to have the Park & Tree Commission serve as a member of the Historic Site and Monument Commission. Since that time they have had a six member Commission. Mr. Karatassos said he spoke with the Clerk of Council and the City Manager regarding the possibility of trying to go back to being a five-member Commission, including the member of the Park & Tree Commission. If this is approved, they will have a five-member commission instead of having six members. He explained that this Commission needs to be a five-member commission or a seven-member commission.

## II. Approval of Meeting Minutes

### 3. [Approve October 18, 2016 Meeting Minutes](#)

Attachment: [10-18-2016 Minutes.pdf](#)

#### **Board Action:**

The Savannah Historic Site and Monument Commission does hereby approve October 18, 2016 Meeting Minutes. - PASS

#### **Vote Results**

Motion: Thomas Gensheimer

Second: Dolores Engle

Dolores Engle - Aye

Thomas Gensheimer - Aye

Dr. Nicholas Henry - Aye

Eli Karatassos - Aye

Kristopher Monroe - Aye

## III. Regular Agenda

### 4. [Petition of Mary Reynolds | 16-005640-PA | 2 East Broughton Street and 2 West Broughton Street | Light Display](#)

Attachment: [Staff Recommendation.pdf](#)

Attachment: [AERIAL MAP.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Final Submittal Package.pdf](#)

**Ms. Mary Reynolds and Mr. Quito Anderson** were present on behalf of the petition.

**Ms. Sara Farr** gave the staff report. The applicant is requesting approval for two light projections on Broughton Street at 2 East Broughton Street and 2 West Broughton Street. They will be titled "Holidays on Broughton" and will run every Friday and Saturday from

November 25, 2016 to December 24, 2016 from 6:00 p.m to 9:30 p.m. A PA speaker system will also be used to play a variety of holiday music. The entire white portion of both facades of 2 East Broughton Street (Levy's) will be used for the projection. The projector for this location will be placed on 1 West Broughton Street (Panera Bread). The second projection will be on portions of the Sun Trust building along Bull Street. The projector for this installation will be on top of Levy's.

**Ms. Farr** stated that the projections will feature a variety of holiday themed images, including historic images of Savannah. Historic architecture that reflects the past of Broughton Street will be included. Examples of images include the logo for the Holidays on Broughton event, historic signs, and holiday themed graphics. Examples of the proposed projections were provided by the applicant. Music will also be incorporated and will meet all City ordinances. Public notices were sent to neighborhood groups and property owners located within 200 feet of the project.

**Mr. Karatassos** asked staff who was sponsoring this event?

**Ms. Farr** answered that she believes the event is being sponsored by the Broughton Street Development group, but there is no advertisement.

#### **PETITIONER COMMENTS**

**Mr. Anderson of Ben Carter Enterprises** stated that no advertising will be done. They are making this an inclusive area of the entire street. They will have historic architecture of the 1920s, 1930s and 1940s. They will also have images of the logo for the Holidays on Broughton event, historic signs, and holiday themed graphics. They will have colorful lights.

**Ms. Reynolds** explained that they will have a 40 foot artificial Christmas tree that will be located on Bull Street between the SunTrust Bank building and the Levy's building. The lighting of the tree will be on Friday, November 25, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. The various singing groups will perform around the tree. The tree will remain in place until January 2, 2017.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

#### **COMMISSION DISCUSSION**

The Commission wanted to be certain that the merchants of Broughton Street were included in this event. The petitioner assured the Commission that this was an all inclusive event of the entire Broughton Street.

#### **Board Action:**

The Savannah Historic Site and Monument  
Commission does hereby approve the light display,

because it meets the standards in the Master Plan - PASS  
and Guidelines for Markers, Monuments, and  
Public Art.

**Vote Results**

Motion: Kristopher Monroe

Second: Thomas Gensheimer

Dolores Engle - Nay

Thomas Gensheimer - Aye

Dr. Nicholas Henry - Aye

Eli Karatassos - Abstain

Kristopher Monroe - Aye

**IV. Other Business**

5. [Commissioner Items](#)

6. [Next Meeting - Thursday, December 1, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. in the Arthur A. Mendonsa Hearing Room, MPC, 112 E. State Street](#)

**V. Adjournment**

7. [Adjourned](#)

**Mr. Karatassos** extended an apology to the Commission for his over zealousness at the last meeting.

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There being no further business to come before the Historic Site and Monument Commission, Mr. Karatassos adjourned the meeting at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ellen I. Harris  
Director of Urban Planning and Historic Preservation

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*which are adopted by the respective Board. Verbatim transcripts of minutes are the responsibility of the interested party.*