

**ROME HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

**Wednesday, August 17, 2016**

Carnegie Building, 607 Broad Street

***ATTENDANCE***

**Members Present:**

Sam Freeman  
Harry Wise  
Audrey Burton  
Roger Wade  
Mary Sib Banks

**Staff:**

Patrick Eidson  
James Martin  
Frank Beacham  
Bryan King  
Sue Hiller

**Others:**

Doug Walker  
Nena Dake  
Thom Holt  
Wayne Robinson  
Ann Pullen  
Sheila Shaw  
Carolyn McGuiness  
Bill Schoepski

***CALL TO ORDER***

- 1. Chairperson Harry Wise called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. Staff called roll; a quorum was met. Mr. Wise welcomed visitors and explained the procedures the meeting would follow. Mr. Wise made a motion to move Case# 671-16 to the front of the agenda, and the motion was carried by common consent.**

- 2. Other Business**

Case # 671-16

Applicants submitted a letter requesting the alteration of the Avenue A District. Wayne Robinson spoke on behalf of the applicants and stated that the property had been purchased for redevelopment. He also stated that the historic designation is not representative of his office building, which was built in 1990 and the adjoining properties are all vacant lots. Mr. Robinson said that he would place an "Avenue A Historic District" sign on his property if it was desired. He stated that he did not want any future development to have to comply with historic preservation guidelines. King made staff comments. Ms. Nena Dake spoke in opposition to the alteration. Ms. Ann Pullen spoke in opposition to the alteration. Ms. Carolyn McGuiness spoke in opposition to the alteration. Mr. Brentz Turner spoke in opposition to the alteration. With the public hearing closed the

individual commissioners asked Mr. Robinson direct questions. Ms. Burton made a motion to deny the request for the alteration of Avenue A. Mr. Freeman seconded the motion, and the motion carried 4-1 with Mr. Wade voting in opposition.

**3. Reports from Committees**

King stated there were none.

**4. Reports from Historic Preservation Staff**

King stated there were none.

**5. Approval of Minutes**

Wade made a motion to approve as submitted. Freeman seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0.

**6. Consideration of Applications for Certifications of Appropriateness**

Case # 672-16

The applicant proposed an expansion of St. Peter's memorial gardens. The Applicant, Bill Schoepski made a presentation. Mr. Shoepski stated that the stone to be used would match the existing stone. Staff recommendations stated that the final design for the lych gate should be submitted for administrative approval. Ms. Burton made a motion to approve with staff recommendations. Mr. Wade seconded the motion, and the motion carried 4-0 with Ms. Banks recused.

***With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.***