

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF UPSHUR, CITY OF BUCKHANNON, TO WIT:

A scheduled meeting of the Buckhannon Historic Landmarks Commission was held in Council Chambers at City Hall, 70 East Main on 17 October, 2016 at 6:00 pm with the following in attendance:

Vincent Smith	Building/Code/Zoning Officer	Present
Jeannie Rylands	Member	Present
Erika Klie Kolenich	Member	Present
Robbie Skinner	Member- City Council Designee	Present
Noel Tenney	Upshur Historical Society	Present
Susan Aloï	City Recorder	Present

Meeting Agenda Posted 10-11-16

Buckhannon Historic Landmarks Commission - 6:00 pm in Council Chambers Meeting Agenda for October 17, 2016

- A. Call to Order
 - A.1 Moment of Silence
 - A.2 Pledge to the Flag of the United States of America
- B. Recognized Guests
- C. Consent Agenda
 - C.1 Approval of Minutes - Regular meeting July 18, 2016
 - C.2 Approval of Minutes – Work Session August 24, 2016
- D. Strategic Issues for Discussion and/or Vote
 - D.1 Agenda-Designate Member to Prepare
 - D.2 Annual Report-Designate Member to Submit Report
 - D.3 WV SHPO - Heavner Cemetery Initial Survey -30 Day Review
 - D.4 Designated Properties Historic Districts Review & Update
 - D.5 Resignation of Jeannie Hyre
 - D.6 Recommendation of Vacant Board Appointment
- E. Board Members Comments and Announcements
 - E.1 City Council Appointee- Robbie Skinner
 - E.2 Meeting Schedule 2017
- F. Adjournment

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Chairman Vincent Smith called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

- Moment of Silence
- Pledge of Allegiance

Guests

- No guests were in attendance.

Consent Agenda

- **Approval of Minutes-Regular Meeting July 18, 2016**
- **Approval of Minutes-Work Session August 24, 2016**

Motion [Kolenich/Rylands] to Approve the Consent Agenda. Motion passed.

Strategic Issues for Discussion and/or Vote

- **Agenda-Designate Member to Prepare:** Erika Kolenich agreed to prepare the agenda for the meetings (three-four days in advance).
- **Annual Report-Designate Member to Submit Report:** Jeanne Rylands agreed to prepare the annual report (due yearly on March 15).
- **Letter from the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) of the WV Division of Culture & History -Declined the City's application for Heavner Cemetery to be placed on the National Register of Historic Places.** Mr. Tenney suggested that the

survey/inventory submitted might not have been entirely complete and that the Buckhannon Historic Landmarks Commission may want to consider reapplying. A meeting with Jeffrey Smith, West Virginia's National Register and Survey Coordinator, should be part of the process. Mr. Tenney suggested inviting Mr. Jeffrey Smith as part of a comprehensive meeting to discuss the future goals of the Buckhannon Historic Landmarks Commission, perhaps a three- or five-year plan for BHLC. **Ms. Kolenich agreed to contact the appropriate representative(s) in the WV Division of Culture & History.**



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September 27, 2016

Mr. Vincent Smith
70 East Main Street
Buckhannon, WV 26201

*Re: Heavner Cemetery, Buckhannon, Upshur County
National Register of Historic Place evaluation*

Dear Mr. Smith:

We have received the West Virginia Cemetery Inventory Form for the Heavner Cemetery (46-UP-345) in Buckhannon. Ms. Christina Reith, former AmeriCorps service member for the Buckhannon Historic Landmarks Commission (BHLC) prepared the inventory form and submitted it to our office for review. We were asked to comment on the potential eligibility for inclusion of the Heavner Cemetery in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP).

The WV Cemetery Inventory form states that the Heavner Cemetery, established in 1909, achieves its historical significance from the exemplary characteristics of an organic rural cemetery, the land's notable contributions to early history of Upshur County and West Virginia, and the individuals buried there who have influenced county and state history. Although the inventory form does not include an evaluation of the cemetery using the Criteria for Evaluation, Ms. Reith informed me in an August 23, 2016 e-mail that the BHLC considers the cemetery eligible for the NRHP under Criterion B and Criterion D as well as Criterion Consideration D.

As you may know, cemeteries are ordinarily not considered eligible for listing in the National Register. However, a cemetery may qualify for inclusion in the NRHP if it has achieved significance in at least one of the four primary Criteria for Evaluation (A – D) and if it meets Criterion Consideration D (cemeteries). More specifically, according to National Park Service 15, *How to Apply the National Register Criteria for Evaluation*, Criterion Consideration D states that a cemetery could be considered eligible for NRHP listing if it “derives its primary significance from graves of persons of transcendent importance, from age, from distinctive design features, or from association with historic events.”

Resources that are eligible for listing in the National Register must not only be at least 50 years and be significant, but must also retain historic architectural integrity from the period of historic significance. The National Park Service recognizes seven aspects of integrity including location, design, setting, workmanship, materials, feeling, and association. While the cemetery form for the Heavner Cemetery provides a concise history of the development of Heavner Cemetery and the entire site, there is not adequate information presented in the cemetery form to make a convincing argument for significance under Criterion B (association with lives of significant persons from our past) or Criterion D (potential to yield information about our past) nor does it

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appear to meet Criterion Consideration D based on the submitted information. Finally, the cemetery does not appear to retain sufficient integrity of setting - due to modern visual intrusions, primarily development of US Highway 33, that are within line-of-sight of the cemetery - or feeling due to removal of mature hardwoods and other trees from the resource's apparent period of significance. For these reasons, in our opinion, the Heavner Cemetery is not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

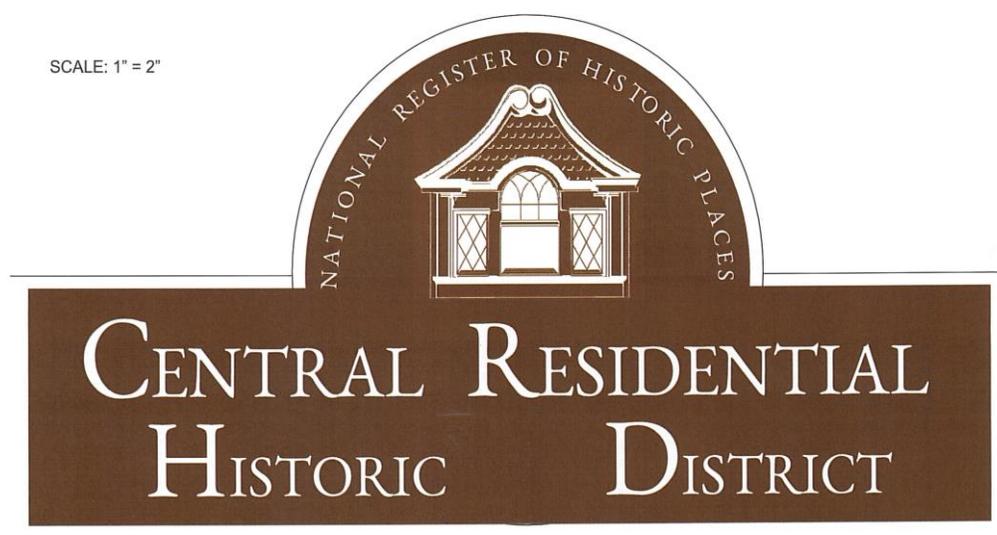
If you have any questions regarding the National Register criteria or our determination of eligibility, please let us know. We can be reached at 304.558.0240 or at Jeffrey.s.smith@wv.gov.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey S. Smith
National Register and Survey Coordinator

- **Designated Properties Historic Districts Review & Update.** Robbie Skinner asked if there are plans for signage to recognize the local Historic Districts. Ms. Kolenich explained that Central Residential Historic District signage had been discussed and Christina Rieth (former VISTA) proposed a design. These signs would be attached to top of the existing street signs. Ms. Rylands explained that the buildings in the Downtown Historic District already have plaques.

A design of signage for the residential district was shared and discussed occurred at the last Work Session (08.24.16). **Mr. Tenney requested a scaled model of the sign; he is concerned that the logo is not accurate.** Mr. Smith explained that the DOH must approve the signage for state routes, such as South Kanawha Street. Per notes from the last work session (08.24.16), Ms. Rieth had agreed to revise the design and later emailed this to HLC members. This design was included in the minutes from the work session, but members are not confident this insertion was exactly to scale. **Ms. Kolenich agreed to email the updated design so members could print this out for a better view. Mr. Skinner agreed to share the final design with the Consolidated Public Works Commission after the HLC approves.**



- **Resignation of Jeannie Hyre. Motion to accept by Ms. Rylands; seconded by Ms. Kolenich.**

Please accept this email as my resignation from the Historic Landmark Commission. My father is 83 yrs old and is almost blind. Therefore, my evenings are consumed with his care. I have thoroughly enjoyed my appointment to this Commission. Please extend my thanks and appreciation to my fellow commission members. I am so proud to be a member of this community and I am so encouraged with the foresight exhibited by the present Mayor and council. Good luck in all your future endeavors and thanks again. 10-11-2016 Jeannie Hyre

- **Recommendation of Vacant Board Appointment:** Mr. Smith asked for recommendations for Ms. Hyre's replacement. Ms. Kolenich asked about requirements for membership. Mr. Tenney explained that the members need to live in the City and, preferably, have some interest/expertise in historic preservation. **Members discussed some possible new members and agreed to ask these individuals whether they are interested; the selection decision will be made at the next meeting.**

OTHER BUSINESS:

- **Historic Markers for Daniel D.T. Farnsworth and Colonel George Latham:** Mr. Tenney shared information from the WV Division of Archives about historic markers for Daniel D.T. Farnsworth and Colonel Latham. A decision on the location of each marker needs to be made so the Department of Highways can install them. The location should be pertinent to the purpose of the marker, but also in areas where it would be noticeable. Mr. Tenney explained that the Dept. of Highways will make a decision and requested suggestions from the City; he agreed to share the email request with the rest of HLC members so they can have input.

Per the BHLC request this evening, I am forwarding the email packet from the WV State Archives that was sent to me at the UCHS.

Sincerely, Noel W. Tenney for UCHS

> -----Original Message-----
> From: McGrew, Matt <Matt.McGrew@wv.gov>
> To: info@upshurcountyhistoricalsociety.com
> <info@upshurcountyhistoricalsociety.com>
> Subject: Noel Tenney
> Sent: Sep 30 '16 11:46
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> > > Good morning,
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> I oversee the Highway Marker program for the WV State Archives, and
> am needing to get in contact with Noel Tenney regarding locations for
> some sesquicentennial markers that will be going up in Upshur County.
> If you could please pass along contact information for him
> (telephone/email), I would greatly appreciate it.
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> Thank you,
> Matthew R. McGrew
> Coordinator, Highway Historical Marker Program
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> ARCHIVES & HISTORY SECTION
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> WV Division of Culture & History
> The Culture Center
> Capitol Complex
> 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East
> Charleston WV 25305-0300

-----Original Message-----

From: info@upshurcountyhistoricalsociety.com [mailto:info@upshurcountyhistoricalsociety.com]
Sent: Monday, October 03, 2016 5:30 AM
To: McGrew, Matt
Subject: Re: Noel Tenney

Hello Matt,

This is Noel W. Tenney with the Upshur County Historical Society in regard to your inquiry. I wasn't aware that any new highway markers had been developed for this county. Can you let me know what information they contain? You may use this address since I answer all emails.

Sincerely, Noel W. Tenney

Good morning, Noel:

The ones that are going up in Upshur County are part of a larger sesquicentennial grant to place 160 new markers throughout the state that deal specifically with statehood and the Civil War. The two markers commemorate D.D.T. Farnsworth and George R. Latham; do you have any thoughts about where they should go? Highways already has the Farnsworth marker in their possession.

(Farnsworth)

Daniel Duane Tompkins Farnsworth was born in New York in 1819 and later moved to Buckhannon. Member of second Wheeling convention and Reorganized Government of Virginia. He was President of West Virginia Senate in 1869 when resignation of Gov. A. I. Boreman made Farnsworth the state's second governor from February 26 to March 4, 1869. He died in Buckhannon in 1892.

(Latham)

Born March 9, 1832, Latham opened a law office in Grafton, where he recruited a company of Union troops for his command in 1861. A delegate to the first Wheeling convention, he served as a U.S. congressman, 1865-67, and consul to Australia, 1867-70. Latham later was Upshur County school superintendent and an 1880 census supervisor. He died in Buckhannon, December 16, 1917.

Let me know what you think.

-----Original Message-----

From: info@upshurcountyhistoricalsociety.com [mailto:info@upshurcountyhistoricalsociety.com]

Sent: Saturday, October 08, 2016 5:43 AM

To: McGrew, Matt

Subject: RE: Noel Tenney

Hello Matt,

I have passed this idea along to the Buckhannon Historic Landmarks Commission for some additional discussion. Most likely, they will suggest, and I agree, that they both should be placed somewhere in Buckhannon itself. Progress is being made on the preservation/restoration of the Col. Latham house on Madison Street and that would be a most likely place for the Latham marker. The Farnsworth needs a bit more consideration but the Commission will meet next week and would be the agent to make the final decision. I hope that we can have a bit more time for a final decision.

Sincerely,

Noel W. Tenney, for UCHS and BHLC

Noel:

I appreciate the information, and look forward to hearing what the Commission has to say. As for Farnsworth, is he buried in Buckhannon, and if so, would near the cemetery be an appropriate area for the marker?

Thanks, Matt McGrew

WV Archives & History

Matt,

I discussed the information in your emails here with the Buckhannon Historic Landmarks Commission this evening and they asked that their members see this information as well. Therefore, I will forward this complete packet to the BHLC and they will be making the final location suggestions.

Sincerely, Noel W. Tenney, for UCHS

Board Members Comments and Announcements

- Welcome- City Council Member Appointee, Robbie Skinner.
- Meeting schedule for 2017 was accepted [Skinner/Kolenich].

HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION 2017 MEETING SCHEDULE

3RD MONDAY OF EACH QUARTER AT 6:00 P.M. AT CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

- **JANUARY 23, 2017 (NOTE THAT JAN 16TH IS MARTIN LUTHER KING JR HOLIDAY)**
- **APRIL 17, 2017**
- **JULY 17, 2017**
- **OCTOBER 16, 2017**

*****Working sessions, whereby, research can be conducted by members at the Historical Society Repository every Tuesday evening, 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. *****

- Mr. Tenney requested that future work sessions at the Upshur Historical Society Repository be planned well in advance, as there has been an increase in research at the Repository. He also noted that the HLC sign at the Latham House is faded out and needs to be removed and, possibly, repaired. **Mr. Skinner agreed to ask the City to remove the sign.**

The next regularly scheduled quarterly meeting of the Historic Landmarks Commission is January 23, 2017.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Chairman Vincent Smith

City Recorder Susan Aloï