

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SANFORD HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

**WEST END CONFERENCE ROOM
7:00 PM, MONDAY, MARCH 26, 2012
SANFORD MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

Roll Call:

Commissioners Present: Mark Lane, Cheryl Myers, Brandon Atkins (arrived at 8:05 p.m.), & Shannon Gurwitch

Commissioners Absent: David Nestor, Mike Humphrey

Staff Present: Bruno Pursche, Board Clerk

Government Official Present: Councilman Sam Gaskins

With only three members in attendance, the meeting was cancelled for lack of a quorum at 7:40 PM March 26, 2012 and all in attendance left.

Commissioner Brandon Atkins arrived at City Hall at 8:05 p.m., Chairman Gurwitch was called and returned from home, and without advertising a Special Meeting, the Board attempted to meet.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA FOR MARCH 26, 2012

Chairman Shannon Gurwitch recalled the meeting to order at 8:05 PM. Board Clerk, Bruno Pursche called the roll. Chairman Gurwitch asked for approval of the agenda, removing items 5a, 6a, b & c allowing 5b to be heard. Commissioner Lane moved to approve the amended agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Myers, the motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER MINUTES

Chairman Gurwitch asked for approval of the November 2011 minutes. Commissioner Myers moved that the minutes be approved. Seconded by Commissioner Lane, the motion passed unanimously.

There was no Public Comment.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Al Roethlisberger was given the oath.

Mr. Roethlisberger presented his case before the HPC board designating the Isenhour House at 318 Summitt Drive as a Historic Landmark. Mr. Roethlisberger explained how someone had seen the Council meeting and came by the house because they understood there was an open house at the Isenhour House. He and his wife explained to them what was going on with the house, and what they

were trying to do to get the designated a Historic Landmark. This is not a big house, or has marble floors; but it does have an association and history with people in this community. This could true of more plain houses in the area, he mentioned several houses in the area which could fall under the criteria as historic landmarks. As presented before the council recognizing these structures when they have a valid association with a history of importance to the Sanford community; they become an Icon, a symbol; they become a sign post for those which come after them for the purpose of community history and unless we highlight that history is easily lost. Mr. Roethlisberger quoted an article from the Sanford Herald from 1999 called, 'Movers and Shakers;' it was about early families in Sanford and they ran one on the Isenhour family. It was written that Robert Isenhour who was Lewis's son who is deceased and Thanta, Lewis's daughter, asking them for information. Robert and Thanta wrote two letters (included by reference, Exhibits A & B). He referred to a list of things which were attributed to Lewis Isenhour, which you heard at the council meeting which did not need repeating at this meeting. Mr. Isenhour did a lot of things for Sanford like add the cardiac ward to the hospital, and an organ to the church; they really spent their money on the community. It really meant a lot to them to make Sanford so much more special to live and he thinks that through this recognition of this particular structure, hopefully others as well in the future will help preserve that hard work that they've put forth making Sanford what it is today; the dream that they had makes Sanford a really wonderful place to live.

Commissioner Lane entertained a motion that the Historic Preservation Commission make a recommendation to the City Council that the Isenhour House located at 318 Summitt Drive be designated a local historic landmark. Seconded by Commissioner Atkins and passed unanimously.

Chairman Gurwitch stated the Preservation Commission will present the City Council with a resolution recommending the designation of the Isenhour House located at 318 Summitt Drive and owned by Albert and Denise Roethlisberger as a local historic landmark

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Atkins made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Myers, the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Adopted this _____ day of _____

Respectfully submitted,

Chair, Shannon Gurwitch

ATTEST: _____
Clerk, Bruno Pursche

It is the opinion of Attorney Patterson that the above meeting was not properly called and the actions taken are subject to being rendered invalid.