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**Joint Historic Preservation Commission Meeting
January 14, 2025 at 4:00 PM
Mary C. Jenkins Community Center SPECIAL Meeting
221 Mills Ave, Brevard, NC 28712**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

I. WELCOME: Mr. John Koury called the meeting to order at 4:11PM. Ms. Nicole Bentley, and Ms. Katherine Buzby, Ms. Chelsea Preciado, Mr. Andrew Wing and Mr. Samuel Hayes was present. Mr. Billy Parrish, Ms. Geri Connell, and Ms. Nikki Ransdell were absent (excused). A quorum was present. Ms. Ashley Minery (Planning Department staff) was present. One member of the public, William Hunter, was present.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT: (15-minute time limit. Speakers are limited to three minutes) There were no public comments.

III. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS: There were no proposed modifications to the agenda.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Minutes (November 12, 2025)

Mr. Wing moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Ms. Buzby seconded the motion. All present members voted in favor and the motion carried.

V. OLD BUSINESS:

A. The Inn at Brevard: The Inn at Brevard was previously under contract and set to close in November. Unfortunately, that contract fell through, and the Inn is back on the market. Staff talked to some potential buyers and have been in contact with the listing agent for the sale. Both staff and the listing agent will continue to convey the necessary information to prospective new owners. This matter will continue until a new owner takes possession of the property.

B. America 250th Grant Project: Flower Trail: Members briefly discussed the idea of a flower trail and seeking the funding form available TDA funding. The project was omitted from

the America 250th grant application due to time constraints. The Rosenwald community, railroad depot, mill and tannery were potential locations discussed. The JHPC also discussed consulting Ms. Marcy Thomson, a local historian and former JHPC member, about potential locations.

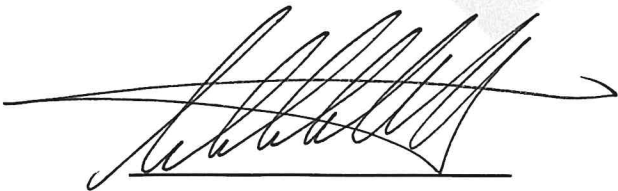
VI. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Annual Report to Transylvania County Commissioners: Mr. Koury drafted an annual report. Topics include the meeting in Little River in May 2024, Silvermont events, America 250th Committee and training. Mr. Koury plans give a brief presentation to commissioners and Brevard City Council to help promote familiarity with the JHPC local designation program.
- B. Staff Report: The next regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, January 14, 2025, at 4:00PM. Meeting room will be decided prior to the meeting, based on space availability.

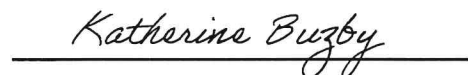
VII. PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

VIII. COMMISSION MEMBERS' COMMENTS: Mr. Koury discussed planning Historic Preservation Month events for May. Ms. Preciado suggested hosting the May meeting in Rosman this year and focusing on the community historic relationship with the French Broad River and how it helped develop the local economy. Mr. Koury also reminded the board the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence would be commemorated during the White Squirrel Festival as part of America 250th events. Ms. Bentley moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Wing seconded the motion. All present members voted in favor and the meeting adjourned at 4:53PM.

ADJOURNMENT



Ashley Minery, Planner



Katherine Buzby, Secretary