

Minutes
Cottontown/Bellevue Historic District
Fall Membership Meeting
Sunday, April 29, 2007
3:00 p.m.

- Call to Order President Paul Bouknight called the meeting to order at 3:12 a.m.
- Introduction of
Guests Mr. Bouknight introduced special invited guests, each of whom made brief remarks:
- Mayor Bob Coble provided an update on the redevelopment of the old State Hospital property on Bull Street. The state will need to move some patients that still reside on the property, but is ready to move ahead with the sale. The city is moving ahead with zoning matters to prepare for the sale.
- City Councilman Sam Davis reported that the North Main Street redevelopment will begin at Elmwood Avenue and move north as far as funds will allow. The city will attempt to get additional federal funds to complete the project. The city is preparing to bid out the project now, work should begin in August. He mentioned that the Salvation Army is dealing with a mold problem at its Main Street facility. It is putting residents in alternate housing while it deals with the problem.
- County Councilman Paul Livingston reported that the new County Administrator is Milton Pope. A transportation study committee is meeting to address transportation issues in the county. The county is committed to upgrading the Township Auditorium. He encouraged neighborhood residents to participate in the county's budget process.
- Columbia Police officers Ashford and Glendowski spoke about neighborhood safety and crime prevention. They encouraged residents to use the 252-2911 number to report any non-emergency suspicious activity. Use 911 in emergencies.
- Columba Fire Chief Bradley Anderson introduced firefighters assigned to the North Main Street fire station. To prevent fires, he encouraged residents to do some spring cleaning to rid homes of clutter and debris, use care when cooking, and check their smoke alarms.

- Committee Reports Historic Preservation – Committee Chair Rusty Sox reported that there had been a delay in starting the city’s process to designate the neighborhood as a historic district – the city is backlogged with other neighborhoods. They hope to start the process this summer.
- Treasurer’s Report Treasurer Amy Herin updated the members on income and expenses for the year.
- President’s Report President Paul Bouknight reminded members that board meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Any member is welcome to attend or address the board.
- Board member Robbie Sockwell has moved out of the neighborhood and resigned his board seat. The president will appoint a member to fill his unexpired term.
- The apartment complex on Confederate Avenue is currently for sale, as well as the Greater Carolina Baptist Church on Anthony Street.
- The 2nd annual 4th of July Parade will take place on Independence Day. Carol Latimer Finethy will coordinate.
- Door Prize The door prize was awarded to Josh and Joanna McDuffie.
- Adjourn There was no further business, and the meeting was adjourned.