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CITY OF FLORENCE
FLORENCE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
FLORENCE MUNICIPAL CENTER, CITY HALL CHAMBERS
Tuesday, February 25, 2025, at 4:30 p.m.

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of the minutes of the January 28, 2025, meeting
- IV. Discussion –
 - a) Local Historic Plaque ideas
 - b) Historic Context Study, South Union Street.
 - c) Florence Archives monthly report
- V. Next Meeting Date and Time: Tuesday, March 25, 2025 @ 4:30 p.m.
- VI. Adjourn



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Tuesday, January 28, 2025
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Members	Present	Absent
Chair Angel	X	
Vice Chair Wintz	X	
Member Black		X
Member McMillin	X	
Member Dixon	X	
Member Kinzer	X	
Member Stuart	X	
Council Representative MacKinnon		X

Staff Present	Present	Absent
Planning Director Fox	X	

I. Call to Order

Chair Angel called meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Member Black absent. All other members present. (Member McMillan – arrived at 4:35 p.m.)
Council Representative MacKinnon absent.

III. Approval of Minutes of the July 30, 2024 Meeting

Member Dixon make motion to approve the minutes from the July 30, 2024, Meeting.
Seconded by Member Stuart

Roll Call 5 ayes

IV. New Business – Committees/Discussion/Workshop

a) Florence Archives Progress Report – Evaluation of the Context Survey Project 2021-2025 –

- Member Wintz explains that the Archives will continue to move forward with the project to facilitate site inclusion related to the Florence Historical Context Survey and local registry, through both public involvement and administrative incentives.



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b) Local Historical Registry Plaque Ideas –

- *Planning Director hands out ideas for a local historical plaque to the Commission.* Stating that three properties are currently listed on the City's Local Historic Registry, and funding for the new potential plaques has been approved. The Planning Director mentions starting with the Florence Jr./Sr. High School's technology education groups or classes to explore if they can produce the plaques or offer additional ideas or designs. This could serve as an opportunity for community outreach.
- Member McMillan states the technology education classes would potentially have a CAD/CAM (a combination of computer-aided design and manufacturing), therefore developing a plaque with computers.
- Member Stuart inquires which properties are on our Local Historic Registry.
- Planning Director states that the Elks Club, the Senior Center and 105 West Main Street are on the registry.
- Member McMillan agrees to contact the technology education instructors/classes at the high school about the plaque project.

c) Survey Ideas –

- Planning Director proposes historical context studies on the older or original additions to the City of Florence.
- Member Wintz states the Archives has several of the original addition plats.
- Chair Angel mentions the area that was known as Hollywood or South Union Street.
- Member Stuart mentions that the area would be very interesting, possibly recreating a map of the area, reconstructing what was originally part of the area.
- Planning Director inquires whether this idea would be something that Member Stuart, or anyone else is interested, would like to expand on and research.
- Chair Angel expresses interest in the South Union Street area.
- Member Stuart expresses that this study of the South Union could express the cultural, social and business history of the area. Further states that the first step would be to create a map of the area.
- *Members discussed and decided on the name for the project, Historic Context Study of South Union Street.' The objectives are as follows: 1) Reconstruct/Create South Union Street Map, 2) Collect cultural, social, and ethnic histories, and 3) Document businesses and Industries.*

Meeting adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

By: _____
Historic Preservation Chair

Date: _____

CONTEXT SURVEY PROJECT PROGRESS

250/150, 3 Preservation Resource Day Workshops, Farmer's Market,
Mini College. February 2025

Background: The January 2021-25 evaluation noted that the scope of the original grant did not limit itself to the Historic District, but included all areas within Florence city limits. However, program development limited its efforts to the Historic District and the original 1872 city plat. With the potential of becoming a part of the National 250/150 project, (with wider audience participation and context range) the physical scope of the current Florence Site survey was returned to the parameters of the original grant (all of Florence) as defined by the City Incorporation papers rather than limited to the original plat and Historic district. The same context information documentation system ((Yellow program tours, Blue site documentation and red in-depth site related context files) will be used. The same intake/outreach system (Farmer's Market) will be used.

Progress: As the monthly 2024 "Cookies of Florence" index maps were Site centered on units of one block from which 4 sites (weekly) were featured; 2025 "Cookies of Florence" will still be locally site organized, but the monthly index maps will feature the impacts of Thomas Jefferson as he attempted to physical organize the resources of the new republic (Public Land Survey System) and ultimately the founding of Florence. The four index maps will be time line organized: before the Louisiana Purchase, the time of the purchase, the period of territories/states, the period of counties/ townships, and the city of Florence as documented by the Lobach Ditch Rider Map.

Committee: Results: The survey systems appear to be popular and robust enough to continue Framers Market project (June 1-Oct 30, 2025), support the county wide 250/150 involvement (February 25, 2025- Oct. 2026) and the upcoming Mini College Resource Day table

(March 24-28th, 2025).

The 3 audience focused “Archive Recourse Day” workshops idea has received positive feedback will be implemented as schedules evolve. (summer & fall, 2025) Three distinct groups have recognized the archive as a resource but did not know how to access or apply it.

Many of these ideas turned up among the very interesting sessions of the recent Saving Places preservation conference at Cheyanne Mountain Center.

Anyone interested in helping out on the County wide 250/150 Project, the Farmer’s Market Survey Project, or the Mini College outreach Project is more than welcome as all these are connected to the original survey grant.



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