

# MINUTES

## Tennessee Residence Commission

December 13, 2010

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### 1. Call to Order

Chairman Alan Robertson called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m. He noted that a quorum was present with the following in attendance:

#### Members Present

First Lady Andrea Conte  
Wade Hill  
Shirley Horowitz  
Jim Hoobler for Lois Riggins-Ezzell  
Thad Watkins for Gwendolyn Davis  
Alan Robertson

#### Members Absent

Governor Phil Bredesen  
Dr. Wayne Riley  
Patrick McIntyre

#### Others Present

Georgia Martin

### 2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Mr. Robertson stated that the minutes of the meetings held on 10/26/10 and 11/16/10 had been distributed via email. After discussion, it was decided that the minutes were too detailed and should be summarized. Mr. Watkins offered to help condense them. With that understanding, both sets of minutes were approved.

### 3. Approval of Policies

Regarding the Interiors Policy, it was agreed that all photography of artwork would be prohibited. The subject of permeating the walls by mounting headboards, flat screen TV's, shelving, etc. was discussed and strongly discouraged. Ms. Conte stated that special consideration needs to be given to both sleeping porches on the second floor

regarding the metal windows and the fabric installed over the existing mural within the octagonal vestibule. Ms. Horowitz said she would add language in the policy to address those issues.

Regarding the Artwork Policy, Ms. Horowitz commented that they had promised the various museums that they would be given credit for their loaned artwork. Mr. Hoobler responded that it can be done during a tour or in a brochure. Ms. Conte asked to have the loan agreement language clarified, and Mr. Hoobler stated he would do so.

Mr. Watkins discussed the method for approval of requests to the Commission. He suggested it be made a part of the policy, that a request was deemed approved as long as every member was notified or unless any Commission member wanted to meet and discuss the request. He said, in the case of the Capitol Commission and with respect to the Sunshine Law, he got the Commission to approve such a policy. It was agreed that such language should be added to the policy.

Mr. Robertson questioned if the grounds were for the Administration's use only, and would there be any general information regarding Oak Hill. Ms. Conte said that there will be fund raisers. Mr. Watkins stated that, according to the statute, they were charged with its preservation. Ms. Conte mentioned that there is no parking on the street and visitors are shuttled in. Mr. Hill commented that there are other residences that create more disruption than the Tennessee Residence. A motion was made and seconded to approve the policies, as amended.

#### **4. Other Business**

It was noted that the floodlight at the entrance shines out into the street. Mr. Hill suggested that something differently be done to make it appear more like a residence. Mr. Robertson said he would follow up with security to see what could be done. Mr. Hill shared a satellite photo of property.

#### **5. Adjourn**

Mr. Hoobler made a motion to adjourn at 12:10 p.m., which was seconded and passed without objection.

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