

Kankakee County Historic Preservation Commission Meeting
Summary of Minutes
January 4, 2010

Members Present:

John Adams	Elisabeth Dunbar	Dr. Jim Paul	Ashley Lucas
Daron Kinzinger	Patricia Wagner	Terry Johnston	Mardene Hinton

Members Absent:

Andrew Purcell

Quorum Present.

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Ms. Dunbar.

Public Comment.

- Mr. Dick Mossman informed the Commission that Dr. Paul and he talked with Christopher Nye from the Catholic Diocese about designation of Churches and related buildings. They are not really interested in the designation they want to keep the control of the buildings. They would be willing to place historical markers on the site.

Approval of Minutes:

- A motion was made by Mr. Adams and seconded by Mr. Johnston to approve the minutes from May 4, 2009, June 1, 2009 and August 3, 2009 with a typo change to the August 3, 2009 minutes. Motion carried.

Historic Landmark Nomination:

- No new nominations.
- Irwin Church still working on securing a buyer and moving the structure.
- Ms. Wagner is still working with Arlene Huber on her building in Herscher. Ms. Huber is concerned about her limitation on what she can do to the outside of the building. Having landmark status doesn't mean you can't do changes, but it would have to be approved by the Commission. If work would be denied, the Commission would give a recommendation of what can be done. The Commission needs to educate the public on Historic Preservation.
- Ms. Dunbar informed the Commission that next month she would like to nominate her home for landmark status.

Communication/Marketing:

- Dr. Paul asked how the Commission can inform the public of historic preservation status from the beginning to the end result. Can the information be on GIS? He was informed that it would be too much information to be on the GIS, but could be on the web page for Historic Preservation. Dr. Paul also stated that finding the web page for historic preservation is hard to find on the Planning Department's web-site.
- Ms. Dunbar is working on getting quotes for plaques for Historic Preservation Landmarks. May have to talk to the county about the budget for the plaques.

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- City of Kankakee Historic Preservation Commission:
 - The Mayor is working on re-establishing the City's Commission.
- Wright in Kankakee:
 - It has received its 501c status, has approved by-laws and elected officers.
 - Still meeting on a regular basis. Plans are still in the works to raise the \$200,000 deposit to take over the property. Once that happens they will be able to apply for grants to help with the upkeep of the property and buildings.
- Article in the fall issue of *The Commissioner*
 - There was discussion regarding the article. How can we get the word out to the public? Educational programs throughout the year, brochures, newsletter, event, speaker.
 - A sub-committee to work on educational programs was established with Dr. Paul, Ms. Lucas, Mr. Kinzinger, and Ms. Hinton. They were asked to come back by the next meeting with some ideas.
- Article for the Winter issue of *The Commissioner*
 - Ms. Dunbar is working on the article and will get it to the Commission for review.
- National Alliance of Preservation Commissions Survey
 - Ms. Sadler talked about receiving notice of a survey the National Alliance would like done. She is going to work on it and may call some members for help with questions. It will need to be completed by February 1, 2010.

Old/New Business:

- The Zion Lutheran Church on Route 17 is approximately 150 years old and has had some alterations done through the years. It was suggested that the prequalification form be given to the church parishioners in hopes of getting them involved in nominating the church for landmark status.
- The Commissioners was informed of a Grant Seminar on January 6th at the Kankakee Public Library from 4-6:30 p.m.
- Some of the commemorative items from the Court House were sold at the Kankakee Holiday Market. Ms. Wagner will check on the sales at the Love Shop.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be February 1, 2010 at 3:30 p.m.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m. by a motion from Mr. Johnston and a second by Ms. Hinton.

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Approved 8/2/10

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