

Kankakee County Historic Preservation Commission Meeting
Summary of Minutes
February 2, 2015

Members Present:

Mardene Hinton (chair), John Adams, Jane Johnson, Daron Kinzinger , Terry Johnston, and Ron Shank.

Also Present:

Michelle Sadler, Jim Vickery (County Board Dist. #2)

Members Absent:

Jim Paul, Neeley Provost-Regas and Pat Wagner.

Quorum Present.

Ms. Hinton called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm in the second floor conference room of the Kankakee County Building.

Public Comments:

Mr. Vickery stated he was here to listen and also wanted to thank everyone for volunteering their time.

Minutes:

A motion was made by Mr. Shank, seconded by Ms. Johnson to approve the January 5, 2015 meeting minutes. There was some discussion on the minutes and it was agreed that they need to include the name of the person who made the motions. Ms. Sadler will update the minutes and bring back to the next meeting.

Staff Report:

CLG Grant: Ms. Sadler stated that she has not heard anything at this time. We are expecting notification one way or the other soon.

Intergovernmental Agreement: Ms. Sadler informed the commission that Mr. Van Mill talked with Mr. Boyd and will get the review of both the case by case and the whole municipality intergovernmental agreements done ASAP.

Sandbar Road: Dr. Keen notified the Planning Department regarding help with documentation that the State Historic Preservation is requesting. Dr. Keen wants to demo and rebuild a house at 2421 South Sandbar Road and he had to apply to IL DNR due to floodplain. IL DNR referred it to the State Historic Preservation. The home was built in 1958 just before permits were required, so no historic data available in the Building office. Ms. Hinton and Mr. Johnston are going to meet with Dr. Keen at the site and see what the Commission can do for him.

Historic Landmark:

Ms. Johnson updated the Commission on the Range School. She started a petition drive to save the school building that is being purchased by Ed VanDrunen. Mr. VanDrunen wants to demo the school building, as it is need of a lot of costly repairs from windows to boilers and then there is also the cost of maintaining the building. Ms. Johnson has heard they want to save the Little Red Schoolhouse on the rear of the property and will be moving a significant statue that is currently in the front of the property. Ms. Johnson did state that she told the school district and the City council she is on the KCHPC but she is not representing the Commission on this issue.

Reddick Gymnasium: Ms. Sadler stated she had not heard updated on the possible sale to the Alumni.

Little Red Schoolhouse: a pre-qualification form has been received from Ms. Marlene BeDell for schoolhouse. The pre-qualification form will be reviewed by the architectural committee to review and determine if this should move forward to the nomination process.

Committee Reports:

Ordinance Review: Article I, II, & III were passed out with the changes made from the previous meeting. Article IV is being worked on by Dr. Paul and Ms. Hinton. They will try to finish and bring to the March meeting. Ms. Sadler was asked to look into whether a landmarked structure/property is recorded on the deeds.

There were no reports from the Historic Tourism Plan Committee, Architectural Review Committee, or the Education Committee at this time.

The Courthouse Murals: the Jeff Stanley Family is interested in the restoration. However they are waiting on the study to come back and once everything is ok on the outside they will move inside with the study.

Old Business:

Ms. Johnson had given her updated earlier in the meeting.

Dr. Paul sent out an email from Representative Kate Cloonen the House passed HR217 and that the I-57 French-Canadian Heritage Corridor information signs should be a reality by July 15, 2015.

New Business:

Ms. Hinton worked on a consent form to attach to the pre-qualification form. It is something that is not required but would be a good thing for the owner to approve if they are not the one applying for landmark status. A motion was made by Mr. Johnston and seconded by Mr. Kinzinger to approve the consent form. Motion carried.

Announcements: Lisa Wogan, Economic Alliance of Kankakee County and the Kankakee County Convention and Visitors Bureau are working on getting the Downtown City of Kankakee designated as a Historic District.

The next meeting will be on March 2, 2015 at 4:00 pm.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Johnston and seconded by Mr. Kinzinger. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 5 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Sadler, Office Mgr.
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