

Kankakee County Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

Summary of Minutes

April 13, 2015

Members Present:

Mardene Hinton (chair), John Adams, Jane Johnson, Terry Johnston, Daron Kinzinger, Jim Paul, Neely Provost-Regas, and Ron Shank.

Also Present:

Michelle Sadler.

Member Absent:

Pat Wagner.

Quorum Present.

Ms. Hinton called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm in the second floor conference room of the Kankakee County Building.

Public Comments:

None.

Minutes:

Mr. Johnston moved that the February 2, 2015 minutes be approved with corrections. Dr. Paul seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mr. Johnston moved that the March 2, 2015 minutes be approved. Mr. Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Staff Report:

Regarding the CLG Grant Status agenda item, Ms. Sadler stated that the grant contract needs to be approved by the state's attorney first, and then go before the PZA Commission for approval before going to the County Board for approval.

Regarding the Intergovernmental Agreement Status/State's Attorney agenda item, Ms. Hinton said that she called Cliff Cross and he stated that the mayor of Kankakee was still reviewing the intergovernmental agreement.

Regarding the City of Kankakee item, the home on South Greenwood was not considered historically significant by the commission.

The last item under Staff Report was the Community Foundation Grant Status. Ms. Sadler is still waiting for a response from the Community Foundation.

Historic Landmark:

Ms. Sadler said that there is nothing new on the Landmark Status of the Reddick Gymnasium.

Committee Reports:

Under the Ordinance Review agenda item, Dr. Paul moved to approve the final version of Article III. Mr. Johnston seconded the motion. Motion carried. Dr. Paul and Ms. Hinton presented changes to Article IV. After much discussion, Ms. Hinton requested that the commission review the "economic hardship" issue in the article, and bring suggestions to the next meeting. All other items in the article were agreed to, and the article will be rewritten after the "economic hardship" issue is resolved. Article V will be addressed again at the next meeting. Dr. Paul mentioned that the "Ordinance" link on the KCHPC

website does not function properly. The historic preservation ordinance cannot be found in the many other county ordinances.

Regarding the Phil Angelo's Historic Tourism Plan agenda item, Ms. Hinton, Ms. Johnson, and Dr. Paul summarized the March 4, 2015 meeting which took place at the Kankakee County Museum. Ms. Johnson stated that Mr. Angelo's dinner meeting with the local mayors, which she attended, resulted in positive momentum for the historic signage program.

Regarding the Architectural Review Committee report, Ms. Hinton and Mr. Johnston visited the Blandenburg House on Sandbar Road owned by Richard Keen. They provided photographs of the property. After some discussion, the commission decided that the house was not historically significant. Mr. Adams made a motion that a letter stating this decision should be sent to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. Mr. Shank seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Regarding the Limestone Cemetery, Ms. Johnson said that she needs more information and Ms. Hinton suggested that the commission may have enough information next month to accept the Prequalification Nomination.

Dr. Paul presented six copies of the nearly 40 page *Historic Homes, Buildings, Sites, and Exhibits of Bourbonnais and Rockville Townships* during his report of the Education Committee. Dr. Paul asked for permission from the commission to give one of the copies to the Kankakee County Historical Society and replace Mr. Idle's copy with an electronic version. He also asked for consent of the commission for him to ask the Kankakee County Convention and Tourism Bureau to create/print a booklet of these historical places for general distribution. The commission agreed to both requests.

Under the Courthouse Murals agenda item, nothing new was reported.

Old Business:

There was no old business discussed.

New Business:

Ms. Hinton solicited commission support for landmarking Centennial (or other) Farms. Mr. Johnston made a motion that the commission send a letter to Rick Manuel stating endorsement of Wright in Kankakee. Mr. Kinzinger seconded the motion. Motion carried. Dr. Paul provided copies of the *Daily Journal's* March 16, 2015 article "How Frankfort downtown got that 1890s atmosphere.

Next Meeting will be on May 4, 2015 at 4:00 pm.

Adjournment:

Mr. Kinzinger made a motion to adjourn at 5:20 pm. Ms. Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Dr. Jim Paul, Secretary