

Kankakee County Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

Summary of Minutes

May 4, 2015

Members Present:

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

Also Present:

Michelle Sadler.

Member Absent:

Neely Provost-Regas.

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 April 13, 2015 minutes be approved. Mr. Kinzinger seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Staff Report:

Regarding the CLG Grant Status agenda item, Ms. Sadler stated that the grant has been tabled at the PZA. Once the State's Attorney approves the grant, the PZA will approve it—possibly on May 20. The county board will then have the opportunity to approve it at the June meeting. Related discussion indicated that the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency will soon be part of the Commerce and Economic Opportunity Agency, and that the CLG Grant is federal money.

Regarding the Intergovernmental Agreement Status – City of Kankakee issue, there was no update.

The last item under Staff Report was the Community Foundation Grant Status. Ms. Hinton stated that the KCHPC was awarded a \$2000 grant from the Community Foundation, and that another donor was providing \$3000.

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 and Ms. Hinton presented changes to Article IV. The commission tabled the “economic hardship” issue in the article until next meeting. A few more changes were made to Article IV including a new phrase related to “interior historical significance”, new definition for Repair, and sentence related to photographs being added to the Certificate of Appropriateness. Discussion on Article V was tabled until the next meeting.

Regarding the Phil Angelo's Historic Tourism Plan agenda item, there has not been another meeting of the Strategic Planning Committee since the first one on March 4.

Regarding the Architectural Review Committee report, Ms. Johnson moved to approve the Prequalification Nomination for the Limestone Cemetery. Mr. Johnston seconded the motion. Motion carried.

During his report for the Education Committee, Dr. Paul stated that he has given copies of the nearly 40 page *Historic Homes, Buildings, Sites, and Exhibits of Bourbonnais and Rockville Townships* to Vicki Senesac (Building Inspector) and Laurie Cyr (Community Relations) of the Village of Bourbonnais, and to Jorie Walters (Researcher for the Kankakee County Historical Society). He and Ms. Sadler have downloaded the file with sequential page numbers onto the county computer for Mr. Itle to use during his work on the CLG Grant. Mr. Shank presented two similar booklets that have been prepared by the Herscher Historical Society: *Grand Old Homes of Herscher*, and *Heart of Kankakee West Historic Tour*.

Old Business:

Ms. Hinton stated that a letter was sent to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources stating the commission's decision that the Blandenburg House was not historically significant. Also, Ms. Sadler mentioned a June conference in Carbondale on historic preservation.

New Business:

Under Announcements, Ms. Hinton mentioned the May 15 CLG Grant training. Also, Dr. Paul stated that the Illinois House unanimously approved House Resolution 0217 which creates two "French Canadian Heritage Corridor" signs on I-57—one going south at the Manteno exit and one going north at the Ashkum exit.

Next Meeting will be on June 1, 2015 at 4:00 pm.

Adjournment:

Dr. Paul made a motion to adjourn at 5:07 pm. Mr. Johnston seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Dr. Jim Paul, Secretary