

Kankakee County Historic Preservation Commission Meeting  
Summary of Minutes  
July 9, 2012

**Members Present:**

Dr. Jim Paul	John Adams	Andrew Purcell	Terry Johnston
Patricia Wagner	Jane Johnson		

**Members Absent:**

Daron Kinzinger	Elisabeth Dunbar	Ashley Lucas
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**Quorum Present.**

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Mr. Adams.

**Approval of Minutes:**

No minutes to approve.

**Public Comments:**

None

New Commission member Jane Johnson was introduced. She is active in Main Street Mokence and owns two historic buildings in downtown Mokence. Also introduced was Brian Gadbois, Director of Maintenance for the County and Jake Carlile, local architect, who is interested in historic preservation.

**Historic Landmark:**

- Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Bourbonnais was approved by all parties involved. Therefore the nomination for the Letourneau Home was forwarded to the Planning, Zoning, and Agriculture Committee on June 27, 2012 and was approved. Will be going to County Board on July 10, 2012. If approved do we want to pursue any activity to show our involvement in Kankakee County recognizing Historic Landmark of the Letourneau Home. Mid September will mark the 12 year anniversary of the Village of Bourbonnais giving the Letourneau Home Landmark Status. Interested in maybe doing a special open house and having a mock-up cake, etc. More information forthcoming.

**Communication/Marketing:**

- Bonfield Depot:
  - Ms. Wagner is concerned that we need to stay on top of this to help them move forward. Before they can move too far ahead they need to have a place to relocate the building and need to decide the use of building. They should talk to Ray Odle regarding the moving of the structure. Also check with Kankakee Community Foundation for grants. Letter still need to go out to Mr. Meyer. After some discussion it was agreed Mr. Adams would write the letter and we would get it sent out as soon as possible.

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- **CLG Grant:**
  - Website/Mapping: Ms. Sadler informed the Commission that the web base we were going to use for the mapping is subscription now, so Mr. Skimerhorn is looking into another program that the Commission can use. There was discussion on the mapping. A motion was made to go back to Google Maps by Ms. Wagner. Seconded by Mr. Johnston. Motion carried. Commission Members would like some training sessions. Ms. Sadler to look into that.
  - Potential Historic Preservation Logos/Brochures:
    - Waiting on Ms. Dunbar for the brochure lay outs.
  - Community Outreach Seminar/Speaker:
    - There was discussion on with the Commission being behind schedule and the absences of Ms. Lucas and Ms. Dunbar to postpone the seminar. A motion was made by Dr. Paul to postpone the seminar to a date to be determined at a later meeting. Mr. Johnston seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- City of Kankakee Historic Preservation Commission: They haven't had a meeting.
- Historic Preservation By-laws: Ms. Sadler will work on this using the Regional Planning Commission's by-laws as a guide.

**Old/New Business:**

- We have an open on the Commission. The replacement for Mr. Purcell will need to be an attorney.
- The Courthouse issue was discussed by Mr. Gadbois and the Commission. They are working on minimum ADA requirements. Mr. Johnston stated the Courthouse should be grandfathered in due to the age of it. Mr. Carlile also talked about issues on the courthouse.

**Next Meeting:**

The next meeting is scheduled for August 6, 2012 at 3:30 p.m.

**Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Ms. Wagner. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

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Approved 9/4/12

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