

Kankakee County Historic Preservation Commission Meeting
Summary of Minutes
July 11, 2011

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Andrew Purcell	Ashley Lucas
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Quorum Present.

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

Public Comments:

None

Approval of Minutes

None.

Historic Landmark Nomination:

- Letourneau Home in Bourbonnais – Nomination
 - Waiting on intergovernmental agreement approval before we can move forward.
- Intergovernmental Agreement
 - Ms. Dunbar is trying to meet with Mr. Bossert regarding the agreement and to get his thoughts. Hopefully yet this week. Once Mr. Bossert approves it, we can send it on to the State’s Attorney’s Office and the Village of Bourbonnais.
- Durham-Perry Farmstead
 - Dr. Paul and Mr. Kinzinger are working on the nomination form.
- Other Possible Prequalification or Nominations
 - It was brought up about the Danforth House that Ms. Dunbar owns. She is not sure about it because of the windows not being originals. According to Ms. O’Connor it would probably not be eligible for State Status. There was some discussion on this and the Commission thinks she should bring it back for the Commission to make a determination for at least County status.

Communication/Marketing:

- City of Kankakee Historic Preservation Commission
 - There was a very positive meeting of the Commission. They are going to incorporate the Historic Preservation Commission in with the City Planning Commission, making them more involved in the day to day operations. They are also looking into becoming a CLG, so they may be in contact for some guidance. Very positive meeting and appears to be moving forward.

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- CLG Grants
 - Application should be in sometime in August. Hoping to get assistance with the survey.
- Wright in Kankakee
 - Celebrated its one year anniversary. Hiring an Executive Director for 20 hours a week. Moving forward and is talking about marketing strategies. One item was walking and/or driving tours of historic sites.
- Historic Preservation Brochure
 - Ms. Dunbar will email to everyone her efforts to date and ask for everyone's thoughts.
 - Like Wright in Kankakee, this Commission could come up with a possible driving tour of sites in the County. An example of one is in Missouri they have a driving tour, you put down a deposit and get an IPOD with directions and narratives. We could look into doing some kind of tour, if each member would come back with some sites they would like to include in the tour and then we can discuss what should be included and how this would work.
- Education Committee
 - Dr. Paul suggested having sites on the Google Map by October and linked to our web-site and then we could do a press release.

Old Business:

- Dr. Paul informed the Commission that guided tours of Durham-Perry House are being offered. Also the fence is going to be replaced with PVC.
- There was more discussion and changes to Ms. Wagner's letter regarding properties being added to Google Map. Once changes are made send out for final review.
- Ms. Wagner was wondering if we shouldn't do a Newsletter to keep people informed about Historic Preservation and the Commission. Maybe twice a year spring and fall. Some items to be spot lighted are workshops or interviews with people of significant to Preservation.

New Business:

- None.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for August 1, 2011 at 3:30 p.m.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

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