

Kankakee County Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

Summary of Minutes

July 13, 2015

Members Present:

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

Also Present:

Michelle Sadler.

Member Absent:

Neely Provost-Regas and 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. Shank moved that the May 4, 2015 minutes be approved. Mr. Johnston seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Staff Report:

Regarding the CLG Grant Status agenda item, Ms. Sadler stated that the grant has been received and signed by the state and County. Mr. Ken Itle has agreed to serve as consultant for the grant. The agreement with Mr. Ken Itle has been sent to the State Attorney's office for review.

Ms. Sadler asked Mr. Itle if the commission could get started on anything in the grant. Mr. Kinzinger is working on a draft of a steering committee invitation letter which will be sent out to individuals in the county.

Regarding the Community Foundation Grant Status, the commission will receive \$2000 for anything other than "in kind" services.

Regarding the Intergovernmental Agreement Status – City of Kankakee issue, Ms. Hinton stated that the city approved the agreement on June 6. The agreement will now go to the county board for approval.

The last item was the review of commissioners up for reappointment.

Historic Landmark:

Ms. Sadler said that there is no new update on the Landmark Status of the Reddick Gymnasium.

Committee Reports:

Under the Ordinance Review agenda item, the commission approved Article IV including the "economic hardship" item. Article V was also discussed.

Regarding the Phil Angelo's Historic Tourism Plan agenda item, Dr. Paul mentioned that Mr. Angelo had told him recently that he was having difficulty finding department chairperson support at Olivet Nazarene University for student mechanical creation of the signs.

Regarding the Architectural Review Committee report, Ms. Johnson, Mr. Johnston, and Mr. Shank are reviewing the "tasks" suggestions for the Architectural Review Committee. Ms. Hinton had provided these suggestions at the last meeting.

In the Education Committee report, Mr. Shank agreed to serve as chair. The committee will meet before the next commission meeting to discuss future projects—e.g. possibly publishing a newsletter. Dr. Paul stated that he gave a copy of the nearly 40 page *Historic Homes, Buildings, Sites, and Exhibits of Bourbonnais and Rockville Townships* to Dr. John Bowling, President of Olivet Nazarene University on June 4. Dr. Bowling said that the Olivet Nazarene University Board of Trustees would discuss the issue of possibly landmarking any of the historical properties owned by the university.

Old Business:

Ms. Hinton and Ms. Johnson presented highlights of the Main Street and Historic Preservation Conference in Carbondale, IL on June 23-25. They both agreed that it was very educational.

New Business:

Under the Intergovernmental Agreements with Village item, the commission agreed to begin this process by working with the county historical societies which encompass the specific municipality.

Under Announcements, Dr. Paul mentioned the fund raising activities of Wright in Kankakee which were addressed at the June 14 Fifth Annual Meeting that he attended. He invited the commissioners to attend the unveiling ceremony of the Interstate 57 "French-Canadian Heritage Corridors" signs.

Next Meeting will be on August 3, 2015 at 4:00 pm.

Adjournment:

Mr. Johnson made a motion to adjourn at 5:04 pm. Mr. Shank seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Dr. Jim Paul, Secretary