Kankakee County Historic Preservation Commission Meeting
Summary of Minutes
August 2, 2010

Members Present:

Elisabeth Dunbar	Terry Johnston	Patricia Wagner	Daron Kinzinger
Dr. Jim Paul	John Adams	Andrew Purcell	

Members Absent:
Mardene Hinton Ashley Lucas

Quorum Present.

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

No public comment.

Approval of Minutes – January 4, 2010, February 1, 2010, March 1, 2010, & April 5, 2010
Motion was made by Mr. Johnston to approve the January 4, 2010, February 1, 2010, March 1, 2010, and April 5, 2010 minutes. Mr. Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Historic Landmark Nomination:

- Letourneau Home in Bourbonnais ï Prequalification (see attached)
  - Dr. Paul and Mr. Kinzinger presented the prequalification for the George A. Letourneau Home Museum in Bourbonnais. The original date for the home is 1837 or earlier with an extensive renovation in 1866.
  - In 1986 the home was threatened with demolition, but the home was relocated and the Village of Bourbonnais designated as a village landmark.
  - The Letourneau Home Museum contains many artifacts related to Bourbonnais history.
  - Mr. Johnston made a motion to approve the prequalification and move forward with the nomination. Ms. Wagner seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Ms. Wagner asked about Historic Preservation Commissionôs owning historic properties. There are advantages to owning the properties however it also depends on the government.

Communication/Marketing:

- City of Kankakee Historic Preservation Commission
  - Mr. Johnston stated that the City Commission has agreed to start meeting again on the 4th Tuesday of every other month, starting in August.
  - Ms. Dunbar informed the Commission that Cliff Cross gave a presentation to the Kankakee County Regional Planning Commission about their

Strategic Work Plan. The Historic Preservation Ordinance will be incorporated into the Plan and they will definitely be meeting.

- Wright in Kankakee:
  - Wright in Kankakee is open and doing really well. Another wedding was booked and the tours are going well. The tours are by appointment.

  - Opening celebration will be September 17 ï 19, 2010. The 17th will be a $50 per person reception. The 18th will include a ribbon cutting and self-guided tours of the house. The 19th will be self-guided tours and picnic. The Stables Gift Shop will also be open. This event is in partnership with the Fall Art Stroll.

- Education Committee:
  - Still working on the getting some updates on the website.

  - As far as we know the article for *The Commissioner* should be in the Summer Issue.

Old Business:

- There was discussion about plaques vs. certificate. Plaques would most likely cost a couple hundred dollars. Some may not want a plaque that has to be mounted. Some options on plaques are that they can be a nice rock engraved or the plaque can be placed on the rock or a brick with the engraving on it. Maybe only do the plaque if they want, but give everyone a certificate. Ms. Dunbar will work on the certificate and plaque design.

New Business:

- None

Next Meeting:
The next meeting is scheduled for September 13, 2010 at 3:30 p.m.

Adjournment:
Mr. Johnston made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dr. Paul. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

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Approved 11/1/10

Note: These minutes are a synopsis of information derived from the meeting.