

Kankakee County Historic Preservation Commission Meeting
Summary of Minutes
October 5, 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 and Norma Meier.

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:

Ms. Wagner moved that the September 14, 2015 public hearing minutes be approved after correction.

Ms. Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mr. Shank moved that the minutes of the September 14, 2015 meeting be approved after correction. Mr. Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Staff Report:

Regarding the KCHP Ordinance agenda item, Ms. Sadler proposed that she send the amended ordinance to the PZA committee and then the county board for approval. Mr. Johnston stated a motion to that effect. Dr. Paul seconded the motion. Motion carried. Regarding the Web Site Updates agenda item, Ms. Sadler stated that she and Mr. Skimmerhorn will start tomorrow to make the changes which include the regular meeting time, the addition of two landmarked sites, the French-Canadian Heritage Corridor document, the KCHPC newsletter, meeting agendas, and meeting minutes.

Historic Landmark:

Under the Historic Landmark/Limestone Cemetery discussion/and or approval agenda item, Mr. Adams moved to approve the nomination. Ms. Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Regarding the Update on Kankakee County Museum agenda item, Ms. Hinton stated that the applicant no longer wants to pursue the prequalification nomination for the involved properties.

Intergovernmental Agreements with Villages/Municipalities:

Under this agenda item at our September 14 meeting, Mr. Kinzinger presented a letter that he drafted to go to all county historical societies. After the commission suggested corrections, Ms. Johnson moved that the letter be sent to the historical societies (Kankakee, Bradley, Bourbonnais, Manteno, Herscher, Bonfield, Essex, Grant Park, Momence, Chebanse, and St. Anne) and municipalities. Dr. Paul seconded

the motion. This original motion carried. At the meeting today, Ms. Hinton suggested additions to the letter which include all phases of municipality involvement in addition to the historical societies. Mr. Kinzinger accepted the proposed changes but requested the changed letter to be shortened. Ms. Wagner suggested “bullets” be used. Ms. Hinton and Mr. Kinzinger will rewrite the letter and mail before the next meeting. Mr. Shank requested that Buckingham, Cabery, and Reddick be included in the mailing. Ms. Sadler said that she would use her list of 21 municipalities.

Committee Reports:

There was nothing new to report on the Phil Angelo’s Historic Tourism Plan or the Architectural Review Committee. Under the Education Committee, Mr. Shank stated that he will schedule a meeting to discuss the rack card related to the French-Canadian Heritage Corridor. Ms. Hinton requested news articles for the fall KCHPC newsletter. Regarding the CLG Grant Progress, Ms. Hinton introduced Ms. Meier who volunteered to join the steering committee. Other individuals who may be on the steering committee are Vic Johnson, Sheri Hebert, and Janine Loftus. Ms. Hinton distributed a communication with Ken Itle in which he presented the project schedule. Ms. Hinton and Ms. Sadler will keep track of volunteer hours. Mr. Itle would like to meet with the commissioners and steering committee in order to brainstorm about the goals and ideas for the public meetings and objectives for the preservation plan. The date for this meeting will be in November. Mr. Itle has requested all township histories be completed in November. Ms. Hinton reviewed commissioner volunteers for the township histories: Limestone, Momence, Norton, and Bourbonnais have been completed; still to be completed are: Mr. Johnston—Rockville and Pembroke, Dr. Paul—Kankakee, Mr. Adams—Aroma and Otto, Ms. Hinton—Sumner, Ms. Johnson—Ganeer and Yellowhead, Mr. Shank and Ms. Wagner—Essex and Pilot. Those townships yet to be assigned are Salina, St. Anne, and Manteno. Ms. Hinton requested that all completed historical narratives be sent to her.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Under Announcements, Ms. Sadler indicated that Restoration Works has invited our commission and the Will County Historic Preservation Commission to tour their facility and also the Bradley House. An agreeable date is being determined. Ms. Johnson updated the commission on the status of St. Patrick’s Academy in Momence. The parish will pay \$160,000 for demolition. Ms. Johnson is attempting to educate the parishioners about this cost. She also said that a developer has suggested adaptive reuse for the academy as a senior housing facility. Also, Ms. Hinton distributed “Discover Historic Momence” rack cards and Dr. Paul illustrated one of four “Historic Bourbonnais” walking tours that he is creating. Mr. Shank mentioned that the Herscher Historical Society has just completed an October 1 Amtrak trip for 26 persons to the Lincoln Museum in Springfield, Illinois. Finally, Ms. Neely Provost-Regas has asked to resign from the commission. Mr. Adams moved to accept her resignation. Ms. Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Next Meeting will be on November 2, 2015 at 4 pm.

Adjournment:

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

Respectfully submitted,
Dr. Jim Paul, Secretary