

Kankakee County Historic Preservation Commission Meeting  
Summary of Minutes  
October 7, 2013

**Members Present:**

John Adams                      Mardene Hinton                      Jane Johnson    Dr. Jim Paul

**Members Absent:**

Andrew Purcell                      Ashley Lucas                      Daron Kinzinger                      Patricia Wagner  
Terry Johnston

**No Quorum Present.**

The meeting was called to order at 3:35 p.m. by Mr. Adams.

**Public Comments:**

None

**Minutes:**

No quorum present therefore no action was taken.

**Kankakee County Courthouse**

County Board Chairman, Mike Bossert and Maintenance Supervisor Brian Gadbois were present to give the Commission an update on the Courthouse renovation plans. One of the concerns is the revolving door on the north side of the Courthouse. It is not in working order and they have had Restoration Works look at it and they will refinish the wood at approximately \$12,760 however they will not fix the door because they can't guarantee that it will work and if it does for how long. Another company Dynamic Doors could replace it with a brown anodized aluminum door to match the revolving door on the south side of the Courthouse and the cost would be approximately \$18,500 with a 3 year warranty. To replace with a wood door approximately \$35,200 with a 3 year warranty. Would like to have to the revolving door work so that it could be used as an entrance into the building and the regular door being used now could be for the handicapped.

There was also talk about a handicapped ramp on the front of the Courthouse. At this point they are looking at doing a temporary ramp and coming up with something permanent in the future.

They have increased the handicapped parking spaces around the Courthouse. They are working with DLR Group on design and concept and Doug Bright Architect on getting the building into compliance with ADA regulations.

There was more discussion on the Courthouse after Mr. Bossert and Mr. Gadbois left. The Commission members would like to look at the revolving doors and give their thoughts on it. It was decided to go Tuesday, October 22 at 4 p.m. Ms. Sadler will see if Mr. Gadbois is available to meet them at that time.

**Historic Landmark**

- City of Kankakee:
  - There was much discussion on the intergovernmental agreements with municipalities. There should be a meeting with the appropriate persons in

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

the municipalities before we go into an agreement with them, to educate them on Ordinance and how it works. Ms. Hinton will talk with the City of Kankakee before setting a meeting to see if they are willing to do the agreement on a case by case base.

**Communication/Marketing:**

- Historic Landmark Signs: waiting on Friendly Signs for a cost.
- Signage on I-57: to place an information sign on an interstate it needs legislation action. Dr. Paul is still working on that.
- 2014 CLG Grant:
  - Mr. Tom Desch sent in his pricing for the video. There was a lot of discussion on this matter and how the Commission is going to pay for our share of the grant if we would receive it and if there enough time to really get this grant application in by the deadline. Also is the video what we should really be doing at this time. The survey is a very important document to have and there is a lot of research to be done with the survey. It was decided to waiting until next year to apply and that way we have a year to get organized to do the application.
- Commission To Do List: the CLG grant for 2015 will be add to the list.

**Old/New Business:**

- Ms. Hinton will not be at the November meeting.

**Next Meeting:**

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 4, 2013 at 3:30 p.m.

**Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

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