

Kankakee County Historic Preservation Commission Meeting  
Summary of Minutes  
November 2, 2009

**Members Present:**

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

**Members Absent:**

Andrew Purcell

**Quorum Present.**

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

No public comment.

**Approval of Minutes:**

None at this time.

**Historic Landmark Nomination:**

- No new nominations.
- Ms. Wagner is still working on the Herscher State Bank and Zion Church.
- Dr. Paul sent a letter to Mr. Nye about meeting with him and Mr. Mossman to get a feeling from Diocese about the landmark status of churches and rectory's. How we can continue forward with landmark status or other possible solutions.
- Ms. Dunbar has left a message for Larry O'Connor about the St. James Rectory to get an update on the status. When she last met with Mr. O'Connor, he had indicated that there was a potential buyer that was willing to move the home.

**Communication/Marketing:**

- Ms. Dunbar has been working on a Commission brochure and will be emailing a copy to members for their input. She would like to have them printed soon.
- City of Kankakee Historic Preservation Commission:
  - The City of Kankakee Historic Preservation Commission has not met actively in several months. They have only acted on the Court House. Discussed several other properties, but did not move forward with them.
  - Various city properties were discussed, however the County has no jurisdiction without an intergovernmental agreement. We hope to work jointly with the City Commission. There was a demolition order on the Bonfield-Hemstreet House and Jefferson School, however that order was lifted. It was suggested that we talk to the Mayor about giving the County authority to nominate properties.
- Dr. Paul and Mr. Kinzinger will be talk to Mayor Schore about the Bourbonnais Commission.

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- Ms. Dunbar will meet with Janine Loftus later in the month to discuss an intergovernmental agreement with Momence.
- Ms. Dunbar will be speaking about historic preservation at the Downtown Development Seminar put on by the Kankakee County Planning Department on November 19, 2009 at 6 p.m.
- Wright in Kankakee:
  - Mr. Heinz should be here at the end of the month for a lecture.
  - They are working toward establishing Wright in Kankakee as a not-for-profit organization, establishing by-laws and electing officers.
- Article for *The Commissioner*
  - Ms. Dunbar is working on the article and will send out for review.

**Old Business:**

- There are a lot of commemorative items left from the Court House Centennial. If there is an opportunity we can set up a booth to sell the items. The Love Shop will be carrying some of the items in their store. It was recommended that a letter be sent to historic society's about the items being available for sale. They will also be available in the Kankakee County Planning Department.
- The Court House Celebration is still in the red. Money is needed for the restoration and plaque for the Court House.
- There was a good article in the Herald regarding the needs of the Court House.

**New Business:**

- Ms. Hinton went to a historic preservation conference in Will County. She met a woman who would be willing to do a landscape plan for the Kankakee County Court House. Another speaker talked about control burns for nature.
- Mr. Johnston will forward to the Commission an article in a magazine about Kankakee County.
- Ms. Dunbar would like to nominate her limestone house and well house for consideration of landmark status.
- Ms. Dunbar would also like to Commission to think about what can be done with a box of Kankakee newspapers she has from the 1860's and 1870's

**Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be December 7, 2009 at 3:30 p.m.

**Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned at 4:33 p.m. by a motion from Ms. Wagner and a second by Mr. Adams.

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