

Kankakee County Historic Preservation Commission Meeting
Summary of Minutes
November 4, 2013

Members Present:

John Adams	Daron Kinzinger	Jane Johnson	Dr. Jim Paul
Terry Johnston	Patricia Wagner		

Members Absent:

Andrew Purcell	Ashley Lucas	Mardene Hinton
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Quorum Present.

The meeting was called to order at 3:45 p.m. by Mr. Adams.

Public Comments:

- Richard Curl from Reddick was present to discuss the Reddick High School Gymnasium and saving it. The building is for sale by the Herscher School District and there are a number of interested people with ideas from a trucking company, fire department, paintball operation, etc. Mr. Curl's concern is that the gymnasium will be torn down and it is unique in that it has a floating wood floor and solid wood arches. He had tried to get landmark status several years ago however it was not old enough for landmark status. The property is with a realtor now. Mr. Curl left pictures for the Commission. The Commission asked Mr. Curl to fill out a nomination form and get it back to them by the December meeting and they will review it.
- Larry Mahoney introduced himself. He is here to just observe, he wants to start a Historic Preservation Commission in Iroquois County. He has also been talking with Ms. O'Connor.

Minutes:

Mr. Johnston made a motion to approve the minutes from June 3, 2013, July 1, 2013, and July 9, 2013 with a minor change. Dr. Paul seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Kankakee County Courthouse

There was much discussion on the revolving door at the Courthouse and what should be done. The thoughts were going more towards restoring the revolving door to original condition. The County Board would need to fill out an application for a certificate of appropriateness and then submit it to the Commission for review. Mr. Johnston made a motion to ask for the application of appropriateness and recommend repairing the existing revolving door to its original condition. Dr. Paul seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.

The Commission will address the handicapped ramp at a later date when the County has a plan.

Historic Landmark

- City of Kankakee:
 - Ms. Sadler handed out a letter written by Ms. Hinton to the Mayor of the City of Kankakee regarding the City Ordinance and an intergovernmental agreement. It would just need to be updated with John Adams signature and put on Historic Preservation letterhead. Mr. Johnston made a motion

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

to send the letter under Mr. Adams signature. Mr. Kinzinger seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Communication/Marketing:

- Historic Landmark Signs: Nothing to report at this time, haven't received quote from Friendly Signs.
- Signage on I-57: the French-Canadian Heritage Corridor sign would need legislative action to move forward. Dr. Paul would like to talk to a local representative to see if they would help us get this moving forward. Mr. Johnston made a motion to support Dr. Paul in contacting a local legislator to introduce a bill for the signage. Ms. Wagner seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Commission To Do List: nothing to add at this time.
- Ms. Wagner and Ms. Johnson updated the Commission on the Historic Preservation Conference they went to in Indianapolis. Some of the key items were brochures and posters and using the digital networks like Facebook, twitter, etc. Also when doing surveys look at areas of greatest need. CAMP will do a retreat locally and have grants available. The Commission needs to attend more conference/seminar they are very informative. Also need a Preservation Plan and Design Guidelines in working with other jurisdiction and building officials. A good source to look at for information is the Boone County Public Library.

Old/New Business:

- Dr. Paul explained to Ms. Wagner why we decided to hold off on the CLG Grant at this time. Ms. Wagner understood and will contact Mr. Desch and let him know that this project is on hold at this time.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 2, 2013 at 3:30 p.m.

Adjournment:

Mr. Johnston made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dr. Paul. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

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Approved 2/3/14