

Kankakee County Historic Preservation Commission Meeting
Summary of Minutes
December 1, 2008

Members Present:

Mardene Hinton	John Adams	Elisabeth Dunbar
Dr. Jim Paul	Andrew Purcell	Daron Kinzinger

Members Absent:

Terry Johnston	Ashley Lucas
Patricia Wagner	

Quorum Present.

In Attendance:

Jeff Jarvis	State's Attorney Jamie Boyd
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The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Ms. Dunbar.

No public comment.

Approval of Minutes:

None.

Work Program:

- A. Ordinance: Mr. Boyd was present to update the Commission on the status. There were items of concern:
- **Under Article III, Designation:** Mr. Boyd stated that the wording... *If, the County Board fails to act on the Preservation Commission recommendation within sixty (60) days the recommendation of the Preservation Commission shall be deemed approved...* would need to be changed due to the fact that the County Board would need to make a decision. Mr. Boyd will replace the language to state: *the recommendation shall be placed on the Board's next meeting agenda if not acted upon.*
 - **Under Article V, Enforcement 1, ¶2:** *Upon petition of the Preservation Commission, the Circuit Court...* should read *The Commission may petition the Circuit Court.*
 - **Under Article V, Penalties 2, ¶ 2:** should state attorneys, architects, surveyors, etc. that *knowingly assists in...*

A motion was made by Mr. Adams to except the changes by Mr. Boyd and forward to the December County Board, Ms. Hinton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The following question was raised: If a person destroys a building knowing that it was designated as a Historic Site, what should the penalty be? This is something to think about for the future.

- B. CLG Status: The CLG Packet was approved in its entirety at the November meeting and once the Ordinance is approved at County Board, it will be forward to the State for approval.

- C. County Survey:
- Reports were given by the Members on the progress of this ongoing project.
 - When looking for property addresses sometimes they can be found on the GIS system.
 - There was some discussion on getting credentials or having a contact person so when at a site it is known that we are Historic Preservation Members.
 - There is no deadline for this project, however it is moving forward.
- D. Intergovernmental Agreement: Mr. Purcell is working on the agreement.

Old Business:

- A. Information was received from the Village of Bradley and Ms. Dunbar will incorporate it into the survey. Mr. Jarvis will work with Mr. Purcell on getting information from the Village of Manteno.
- B. Reminder about the Daily Journal piece on “At Home with the Journal”. If you have a suggestion for the piece you can contact Mary Ellen Smith. If you need Ms. Smith’s contact information you can get it from Ms. Dunbar.

Other Discussion included:

- Ms. Dunbar stated that when putting a name to a building in the survey, you should use the person who built and/or designed the building.
- Before a building can be nominated for historic preservation status we would have to have permission from the property owner.
- Having a brochure to hand out to property owners explaining what the historic preservation landmark status would mean for them.
- Ms. Dunbar asked that Communication/Marketing be a standing item for the agenda.
- It was suggested that we explain to property owners that grants are available to help with cost of upgrading the structure and/or land.

New Business:

- Mr. Purcell asked if we should do a press release regarding the updating of the County survey and maybe get some pictures included.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be January 5, 2009 at 3:30 p.m.

Adjournment:

Mr. Purcell made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Kinzinger seconded. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

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