

Kankakee County Historic Preservation Commission Meeting
Summary of Minutes
December 1, 2014

Members Present:

Mardene Hinton (chair), John Adams, Jane Johnson, Terry Johnston, Jim Paul, Ron Shank, and Pat Wagner.

Also Present:

Michelle Sadler.

Members Absent:

Daron Kinzinger and 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:

The minutes of the November 3, 2014 meeting were approved.

Staff Report:

Ms. Sadler distributed an updated list of commissioners' contact information. She stated that she submitted the CLG Application, and that it has been received by the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency. Regarding the Intergovernmental Agreement Status/State's Attorney agenda item, Ms. Sadler said that she is still waiting on a response from the State's Attorney.

Historic Landmark:

Ms. Sadler gave an update on the Landmark Status of the Reddick Gymnasium. Like last month, she stated that due to a possible sale of the gymnasium by the fire department and pending possible purchase by the Reddick Alumni Association, the PZA and County Board has postponed an immediate decision on the landmark status. Ms. Hinton stated that the County Historic Preservation Ordinance requires that the County Board has 60 days to make a decision on the landmark status once approved by this commission. She stated further that if there is no decision, the landmark agenda item must be part of the County Board agenda every 30 days subsequently until a decision is reached. The PZA and County Board has already exceeded the time limit for making a decision on this issue. A motion was made by Mr. Johnston to enforce the ordinance and seconded by Mr. Shank. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Under the Ordinance Review agenda item, Ms. Wagner (assisted by Ms. Hinton) led a discussion on Article II. During the discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Johnston and seconded by Dr. Paul to have no term limits for commissioners. Motion carried. A motion also carried to approve the changes made to Article II. Ms. Johnson volunteered to present changes to Article III at the January meeting.

Regarding Phil Angelo's Historic Tourism Plan agenda item, Ms. Johnson and Dr. Paul volunteered to work with Mr. Angelo on this project. In other committee reports, Mr. Johnston agreed to chair the Architectural Review Committee and Dr. Paul agreed to chair the Education Committee.

As part of the Education Committee report, Mr. Shank mentioned the value of the online Wisconsin Historic Preservation Commission Training and Ms. Hinton recommended the website about Kane County Rustic Roads. In addition, Dr. Paul stressed the importance of the Kankakee County Convention and Visitors Bureau linking with the Kankakee County Historic Preservation website, especially the map which indicates landmarks/historic districts and sites. At this point, there was another discussion about the preservation commission's location on the county website. At the November 3 meeting, Ms. Hinton recommended that there be a conspicuous link for anyone to see and quickly access the commission specific website. Ms. Sadler said that she and Delbert Skimmerhorn will continue to work on this issue as well as posting county landmarks/historic districts and sites on the commission's website. She would like all commissioners to submit to her individual historic landmark and site files with photograph(s) and descriptions for those sites they are responsible for.

Old Business:

Dr. Paul mentioned that Bourbonnais Grove Historical Society's upcoming Midwest French Colonial History Tour (May 20-25, 2015) still has seats available. Many of the historic sites are covered in Dr. Charles Balesi's new 4th edition of his book *Time of the French in the Heart of North America, 1673-1818*.

New Business:

The next meeting will be on January 5, 2015 at 4:00 pm.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Wagner, seconded by Ms. Johnson. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Dr. Jim Paul, Secretary

Approved 1/5/15