

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

**Members Present:**

Mardene Hinton	John Adams	Elisabeth Dunbar	Terry Johnston
Ashley Lucas	Andrew Purcell	Daron Kinzinger	Dr. Jim Paul

**Members Absent:**

Patricia Wagner

**Others Present:**

Jeff Jarvis

**Quorum Present.**

The meeting was called to order at 3:35 p.m. by Ms. Dunbar.

No public comment.

**Approval of Minutes:**

None at this time.

**Work Program:**

A. Ordinance:

- The Historic Preservation Ordinance was approved at the December 9, 2008 County Board. If anyone wants an electronic or hard copy, please notify Michelle.

B. CLG Status:

- Ms. Dunbar talked with Ms. O'Connor from the State and our application has been received. The application appeared to be in order and everything was on tract. Ms. O'Connor suggested go ahead and fill out paperwork to apply for the grants, which would be due around September.

C. County Survey (ongoing project by Commission members):

- Ms. Lucas stated that she is moving along with her townships and will be forwarding information to Ms. Dunbar.
- Mr. Adams will bring in his 1883 plat book to copy. It also has property owner names at that time. Will drop it off to Michelle to see if copies can be made.

D. Intergovernmental Agreement:

- Mr. Purcell provided a sample of an intergovernmental agreement. The agreements would be modified to fit the needs of each municipality or township.
- There is a mausoleum on 9000 N Road on the edge of the Village of Manteno. We would like to work to get this historic status and may have to work on an agreement with the Manteno.
- Each agreement would be reviewed separately to fit the needs of the municipality we want to work with. Then we would submit it for State's Attorney review.

**Bradley House Initiative:**

- This is a Franklin Lloyd Wright House in the City of Kankakee. It is for sale for 1.9 million and the hope is for it to be in public hand for possibility a museum or something in that line.
- The Community Foundation needs an organization and/or person to determine what's going to happen to the building and to lead a fundraising drive. They would like this to be a county-wide site; showing it would belong to the City and County. The Community Foundation would take in the money and this Commission would maintain the fundraising.
- If after the April election, the City's Commission becomes active again we could work with them on this project and discuss an intergovernmental agreement to designate Historic Status. Already has Riverview District Status and the City was working on individual status. This could be joint status.
- The next meeting is at the Community Foundation office on February 19, 2009 at 4:30 p.m. Maybe we should invite the City Commissioner to this meeting.
- Will be working on a web-site for marketing the Bradley House and way to maintain the property.
- Mr. Purcell made a motion to Voice the Commission's support of the Bradley House Initiative and assist in anyway possible and move it into public domain. Mr. Johnston seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**New/Old Business:**

- Mr. Kinzinger had a copy of Kankakee County History Tour and Escort Notes by Vic Johnson and thought it would be of interest to the Commission.
- Ms. Dunbar would like the Commission to think of idea for a pamphlet or other things they think we could use CLG funds to achieve.
- In October the Courthouse will be 100 years old, Mr. Boyd was interested in some kind of a celebration. Maybe a re-dedication on the lawn, tours, etc. This would something the Commission could be the lead on. Be thinking of ideas to discuss at a later date.
- There was also talk about the need for signs or plaques for designation of a building and/or property. It was suggested that maybe we make this a school contest to design a sign or plaque. A motion was made by Ms. Hinton to have a school contest to design a sign or plaque for landmark status. Mr. Johnston seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be March 2, 2009 at 3:30 p.m.

**Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m. by Ms. Dunbar.

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