

Kankakee County Historic Preservation Commission Meeting
Summary of Minutes
June 1, 2009

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Ashley Lucas

Others Present:

Jeff Jarvis Bob Hart

Quorum Present.

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

No public comment.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Mr. Johnston and seconded by Mr. Purcell to approve the minutes from the February 2, 2009 meeting. Motion carried.

Ms. Dunbar introduced Bob Hart, Facility Manager for Kankakee County. Mr. Hart is here to discuss the Court House Celebration that is later on the agenda.

County Survey:

- No update at this time. Ms. Dunbar is working on the format of the report. No questions or concerns by the members at this time.

Historic Landmark Nomination:

- Kankakee County Court House and Grounds Prequalification and Nomination:
 - The Court House is presently a landmark of the City of Kankakee. With this nomination we are seeking landmark status in the County of Kankakee. Its listing on the National Register of Historic Places means that it has been approved for landmark status by the State of Illinois.
 - Motion was made by Mr. Purcell to approve the nomination for Historic Landmark Status at the County level and move forward to the PZA Committee, Mr. Johnston seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Old State Bank of Herscher Building Prequalification:
 - Ms. Wagner started a prequalification form and had a few questions on it before moving forward. There was some discussion on this matter. It was suggested that the form be completed.

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- A motion was made by Mr. Kinzinger to support the prequalification of the Old State Bank of Herscher and move forward with the nomination form. Dr. Paul seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Maternity Blessed Virgin Mary Church Prequalification:
 - Dr. Paul talked about the church's history and why he is submitting the prequalification. There was some discussion about the Church ownership.
 - Mr. Johnston made a motion to support the prequalification and move forward with the nomination form. Ms. Hinton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Courthouse Centennial Celebration:

- Meeting on June 13, 2009 at 10 a.m. in an effort to work with the County on items that need to be addressed to get the Courthouse ready for the event.
- The poster contest may not happen with school age children due to the timing of the school year.
- Working on the design and costs of Save the Date postcards.
- Mr. Hart to check on capacity of Courthouse and informed the Commission there will be some room in the Courthouse that the public will not be able to access.
- Budget for the celebration is undetermined at this time, but except that the Saturday night Gala will be \$100 per person. This fee is to help with the costs of food, invitations, entertainment, tours, etc.
- The invitation list should be limited and include the following: current and former county officials (elected departments, county board members, etc.), mayors, and state officials. The numbers will be limited to the capacity of the courthouse maybe approximately 200 to 300.
- Should look into getting baskets for a silent auction from communities that would include some historic or history of that community.
- Also discussion on a proclamation on the celebration.

Communication/Marketing:

- Ms. Dunbar will contact Phil Angelo at the Daily Journal about the Commission's CLG status and Mr. Purcell about the Courthouse Celebration. It was also noted that the Journal is aware of issues that are on the Planning, Zoning, and Agriculture Agenda, as they receive packets by mail and email.
- It was discussed that we need to keep working on getting the Google mail up and running.

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Wright in Kankakee:

- The 2-day event is being postponed. Talk about having it a couple of weeks after the Courthouse Celebration and then could have a handout of the event for the Courthouse Celebration.
- A local attorney is giving his time for any legal work that may need to be done. Also have others that are willing be get involved.

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- Information was received on CAMP – Commission Assistance & Mentoring Program, which is a program compiled by the National Alliance of Preservation Commission.
- The National Registry website has book for helping with filling out nomination forms that are free if anyone is interested.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be July 6, 2009 at 3:30 p.m.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m. by a motion from Dr. Paul and a second by Mr. Purcell.

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Approved 1/4/10

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