

Kankakee County Historic Preservation Commission Meeting  
Summary of Minutes  
August 3, 2009

**Members Present:**

Mardene Hinton	John Adams	Elisabeth Dunbar	Ashley Lucas
Andrew Purcell	Daron Kinzinger	Patricia Wagner	Terry Johnston

**Members Absent:**

Dr. Jim Paul

**Others Present:**

**Quorum Present.**

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

No public comment.

**Approval of Minutes:**

A motion was made by Mr. Purcell and seconded by Mr. Johnston to approve the minutes from March 2, 2009 with a grammatical change and the minutes from April 6, 2009. Motion carried.

**County Survey:**

- Still compiling information. Working on database trying not to lose the narrative information when transferring from one program to another.

**Historic Landmark Nomination:**

- Old State Bank of Herscher Building Prequalification:
  - Ms. Wagner asked if there was a standardized letter asking to nominate property for landmark status. There was some discussion about the letter and it could be modified depending on the nomination. Ms. Wagner finished the prequalification form. The nomination is on hold at this time.
- Kankakee County Court House and Grounds Nomination Update:
  - Nomination was forwarded to the PZA Committee on June 24, 2009 and approved to move forward to the full County Board.
  - At the July 14, 2009 County Board meeting the nomination was approved by resolution. The County Board Members were thankful for the Historic Commission Member and their efforts for preserving historic properties.

**Wright in Kankakee:**

- There will be events over the next 6 months. There will be speakers, impersonators, screening of Franklin Lloyd Wright. Also the Majestic Theater will be renovated in November 2009.

**Courthouse Centennial Celebration:**

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- Saturday Night Gala
  - Still work out the meal, an orchestra has been line up to play, and the King Quartet will be playing for the dance.
  - Have some items for the silent auction, however we need more items, prefer historic items
- Ms. Hinton and Mr. Purcell met with Mr. Bossert about the cost of the celebration. Mr. Bossert assured them this shouldn't be a problem.
- Sunday Events:
  - Outside events will be entertainment (choirs), food vendors, antique car show, craft vendors, kid's games, inside Courthouse tour and outside Courthouse grounds tours.
  - Merchant Street will be closed between Harrison and Indiana for the vendors. The street will be closed from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
  - There will be re-dedication ceremony on the front lawn of the Courthouse. Still lining up speakers for the ceremony.
  - Will be sending out cover letters and flyers about Sunday's events to government bodies, businesses, book stores, chambers of commerce, etc.
  - Since the Historic Preservation Commission is the Host of the Celebration we need members to help with the events. The Commission will have a tent selling water and pop. Mr. Johnston and Ms. Dunbar volunteered to get the products to sell. Also will have a tent to sell commemorative items: note cards, coasters, magnets, bookmarks, and Courthouse prints. As it gets closer will also need volunteers to work the tents.
  - There will also be trolley rides through the Riverview Historic District. Will need someone to sell tickets. Ms. Wagner knows a woman who might be willing to help and she dresses in the period of the event.
  - Please contact Ms. Hinton for vendor information.
  - Also looking into liability insurances for liquor vendors.

**Old Business:**

- There is a church in St. Anne that is looking into being designated so it is not torn down. They are working on the history of the church and may do a prequalification to help save it.
- Maternity Blessed Virgin Mary Church is owned by the Diocese and need approval from them first to move forward with the nomination.

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**New Business:**

- Catherine O'Connor from the IL Historic Preservation Agency is looking for articles from newly established CLG's for *The Commissioner*. Ms. Dunbar has volunteered to write the article and will send to Commission Members for feedback. Deadline for the article is September 1, 2009.

**Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be September 14, 2009 at 3:30 p.m.

**Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m. by a motion from Mr. Adams and a second by Ms. Hinton.

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Approved 1/4/10