



Historic Preservation Commission City of Crawfordsville, Indiana

City Building
300 E. Pike Street, 2nd Floor
Crawfordsville, IN 47933

September 25, 2024 at 5:00 PM Meeting Minutes

The City of Crawfordsville Historic Preservation Commission met in regular session at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 25, 2024 in the Common Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. Members present were: Sue Lucas, Becky Hankins, Thomas Neal, Owen Bennett, and Thomas Meeks. Members Emily Race and Aaron Hurt were not present. Also in attendance were: Megan Huckstep, Director of Planning & Building Services; Tommy Kleckner of Indiana Landmarks; Noah Nobbe of Indiana Landmarks; Karyn Douglas, City Clerk-Treasurer; and Kathryn Fisher, Executive Assistant, Planning & Building Services.

Becky Hankins called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

The September 25, 2024 agenda was presented for consideration. Thomas Neal moved to approve the agenda as presented. Thomas Meeks seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Meeting minutes from July 24, 2024 were presented for consideration. Sue Lucas made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Thomas Neal seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

The Commission received and acknowledged the financial report.

Under items of old business, the Commission reviewed the Comprehensive Design Guidelines. Noah Nobbe, Indiana Landmarks, provided a brief overview of the revisions that had been made including grammar corrections, City contacts, removing many statements referring to automatic approvals, dead hyperlinks, and scope of Staff's authority. Thomas Neal commended the work that had been done on the document, but noted there were some page number corrections to make. Sue Lucas noted that Honeysuckle had been recommended in a few places and recommended correcting that. Thomas Meeks moved to approve the Comprehensive Design Guidelines as corrected with Staff's authority to make grammar, spelling, and format corrections. Thomas Neal seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Continuing under items of old business, the Commission received an update on the progress of the proposed Downtown Districts. Tommy Kleckner reported that he and Mr. Nobbe had met with Ms. Lucas to discuss strategy for meeting with property owners in the proposed blocks. Mr. Kleckner stated he had suggested holding a public meet and greet, specifically targeting the property owners within the proposed blocks. He iterated that Mayor Barton would like to ensure that property owners are informed. Mr. Kleckner stated that they were looking at October 29th or 30th, 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. After some discussion, the Commission stated their support for the meet and greet, giving Staff the ability to begin planning the event.



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Continuing under items of old business, Planning Director Megan Huckstep provided an update on the revised Rules of Procedure. She noted that the agenda followed the new outline as indicated by the Rules of Procedure.

Under items of miscellaneous business, Mr. Kleckner initiated discussion regarding the demolition of the Sparks Center at Wabash College, which triggered Section 106 review process. Mr. Kleckner made known the outstanding design of the Sparks Center from Indiana Landmarks' standpoint. However, he noted the buildings challenges. Mr. Kleckner stated that he had provided a formal response letter stating that despite the building being outstanding and significant, Indiana Landmarks was not going to oppose the proposed demolition. He did propose that Wabash College commit to retaining Morris and Wolcott Halls and Wabash College be required to list a Wabash College Historic District in the National Register of Historic Places. These conditions would be up to the State Historic Preservation Office, USDA, and Wabash College as to whether or not these will be upheld. Owen Bennett commented that he had been involved in the review process as well in his role with the Montgomery County Historical Society. He noted their focus was on preserving physical items during the demolition.

Continuing under miscellaneous items, the Commission discussed cancelling the October meeting date due to holding the meet and greet.

Ms. Huckstep initiated discussion regarding the loan application. She stated she had been receiving inquiries into the loan and would like to be able to provide a new, revised loan application and urged the Commission to move forward with the revision process.

Judi Kleine came forward to offer public comment, updating the Commission on the Masonic Cornerstone project. She stated they had received the State grant for \$60,000 and had the \$40,000 matching funds. However, bids came in at \$165,000, which was up from the \$110,000 estimate they received two years prior. Ms. Kleine stated that grant has to be completed by June. She stated they are preparing to bid out their electrical upgrades. Ms. Kleine said they had completed some smaller projects during Day of Service. She stated they are many projects, at this point it is coming up with funding.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

Minutes Approved: _____

 10/20/24

SUE LUCAS

President VICE CHAIR



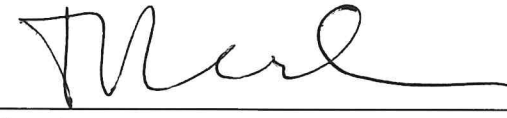
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