



Historic Preservation Commission City of Crawfordsville, Indiana

City Building

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

May 28, 2025 at 5:00 PM Meeting Minutes

The City of Crawfordsville Historic Preservation Commission met in regular session at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 28, 2025 in the Common Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. Members present were: Aaron Hurt, Thomas Meeks, Owen Bennett, Becky Hankins, and Sue Lucas. Members Emily Race and Thomas Neal were not in attendance. Also in attendance were: Megan Huckstep, Director of Planning & Building Services; Tommy Kleckner of Indiana Landmarks; Noah Nobbe of Indiana Landmarks; City Councilmen, Jeff Lucas; and Katie Fisher, Executive Assistant, Planning & Building Services.

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

The May 28, 2025 agenda was presented for consideration. Aaron Hurt moved to approve the agenda as presented. Owen Bennett seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Meeting minutes from February 26, 2025 were presented for consideration. Thomas Meeks made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Owen Bennett seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

The Commission received and acknowledged the financial report. Planning Director Megan Huckstep reported that two loan payments had been made since the meeting prior, increasing the balance of the loan fund.

Under items of old business, the Commission considered a final revision of the 2025 Work Plan. Tommy Kleckner, Indiana Landmarks, explained that he had altered the benchmark dates slightly, in order to account for the March and April meeting cancellations. Aaron Hurt moved to approve the 2025 Work Plan as revised. Thomas Meeks seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Under items of new business, the Commission considered Local Historic Designation of the Carnegie Museum. Theresa Tyner and Janna Bennett were present to represent the application. Ms. Tyner provided a brief overview of the application. Noah Nobbe, Indiana Landmarks, provided a staff report encouraging the Commission to forward the application to the City Council with a favorable recommendation. Mr. Kleckner commended the Carnegie Museum for voluntarily requesting local historic designation. Sue Lucas commented that a press release may be appropriate, should the Local Historic Designation of the Carnegie Museum be approved by the City Council. Thomas Meeks made a motion to approve recommendation to City Council of Local Historic Designation of the Carnegie Museum. Owen Bennett seconded. Motion passed 5-0.



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Continuing under items of new business, the Commission reviewed and considered updates to the loan document and application. Mr. Nobbe reviewed the final revisions that had been made based upon the Commissions comments and suggestions. Mr. Kleckner noted that the revised loan application and the previously approved revised grant application would be made available as a fillable form on the City's website. Aaron Hurt moved to approve the revised loan guidelines and application form. Sue Lucas seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Under items of miscellaneous business, Ms. Huckstep offered an update on the CLG Report that had been submitted. She reported that they had already received a positive response. Mr. Kleckner stated the response to the report had recommended adopting a Code of Ethics, but was generally positive and meeting CLG requirements. Ms. Huckstep encouraged Commission to continue attending educational opportunities.

Continuing under items of miscellaneous business, Mr. Kleckner provided an update on federal funding to the Division of Historic Preservation & Archeology. The Commission then engaged in discussion on several local projects, including the Journal Review Building, the Masonic Temple, the Montgomery County Courthouse, and the Ben Hur Building.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

Minutes Approved: 6.25.25

Betsy Hankins
President

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Emily Race
Member

Member

Thomas Melvin
Member