



Historic Preservation Commission City of Crawfordsville, Indiana

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

June 25, 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, June 25, 2025 in the Common Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. Members present were: Becky Hankins, Sue Lucas, Emily Race, Thomas Meeks, and Owen Bennett. Members Aaron Hurt 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; and Katie Fisher, Executive Assistant, Planning & Building Services.

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

The June 25, 2025 agenda was presented for consideration. Emily Race moved to approve the agenda as presented. Owen Bennett seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Meeting minutes from May 28, 2025 were presented for consideration. Sue Lucas made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Emily Race seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

The Commission received the financial report. Sue Lucas moved to acknowledge the financial report as presented. Emily Race seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Under items of old business, Tommy Kleckner updated the Commission on the designation of the four remaining core downtown blocks. He reported that he and Noah Nobbe had held a sort of office hours, allowing downtown business owners the opportunity to meet and ask any questions that remained. Mr. Kleckner reported that he felt after concluding the office hours, the Commission could move forward with the designation in good faith.

Continuing with items of old business, Ms. Huckstep provided an update on the Journal Review building. She stated they had come into compliance with their fire suppression system. However, plans for the building have not yet been provided to the Commission or the City as stipulated in the conditional certificate of appropriateness. Ms. Huckstep reported that Mayor Barton had met with Wheatley Group, who is working with the owner, Jon Oliver, to create a plan for the space. Mr. Kleckner added that at this time it is necessary for Mr. Oliver to provide an update to the Commission to either request an extension or propose a plan.

Continuing with items of new business, Ms. Huckstep reported that the City Council had approved the Loan Document updates as forwarded from the Commission. Mr. Kleckner added that the Council had also approved local historic designation of the Carnegie Library.



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Continuing with new business, Mr. Kleckner encouraged Commission members to attend the Preserving Historic Places Conference, September 30 - October 3. He stated there are two scholarships available.

Ms. Huckstep reported that Thomas Neal had resigned from the Commission and tonight would also be Owen Bennett's last meeting, which would leave two seats open on the Commission.

Ms. Huckstep stated they are attempting to work with Crawfordsville Main Street to collaborate and provide resources to new downtown businesses. Crawfordsville Main Street's Jamie Harrington was present and stated the proposed program would be called Downtown Direct.

Ms. Lucas reminded Commission members of upcoming training opportunities including an NAPC training tomorrow and NAPC's Summer Short Course. She also stated that the Carnegie Library currently has an exhibit called MoCo Then and Now through August 30th. Ms. Lucas stated there had been a conversation with Janna Bennett proposing a walking tour of the 20 sites included in the exhibit. She suggested that it may be an opportunity for the Commission to sponsor or get involved with the event. Ms. Lucas, Mr. Meeks, Ms. Hankins, and Staff agreed to meet with Ms. Bennett to discuss ideas.

Mr. Kleckner reminded the Commission that he would be providing a presentation at the Carnegie Library on August 14th, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

Minutes Approved: July 23, 2025

Beverly Hankins
President

Emily Rose
Member

Anthony
Member



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