



Historic Preservation Commission City of Crawfordsville, Indiana

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

August 27, 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, August 27, 2025 in the Common Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. Members present were: Becky Hankins, Aaron Hurt, Sue Lucas, and Thomas Meeks. Others in attendance were: Megan Huckstep, Director of Planning & Building Services; 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 August 27, 2025 agenda was presented for consideration. Thomas Meeks moved to approve the agenda as presented. Aaron Hurt seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Meeting minutes from July 23, 2025 were presented for consideration. Sue Lucas moved to approve the minutes as presented. Thomas Meeks seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

The Commission received and acknowledged the financial report.

Under items of old business, Noah Nobbe of Indiana Landmarks presented the Staff Report the proposed Downtown Local Historic Designation. Mr. Nobbe explained that Staff would recommend forwarding the proposal to City Council with a favorable recommendation.

Emily Race entered the meeting at 5:08 p.m.

The meeting was opened for public comment at 5:08 p.m. Jim Swift, 130 W Main Street came forward with support for the proposed Downtown Local Historic Designation. He did have questions with regard to design standards and specifically the existing sidewalk standards. Ms. Huckstep clarified that the sidewalk standards were a separate ordinance that do not fall under the Commissions purview, but that the issue could be raised with the City at a later time.

Sharon Sharpe with First United Pentecostal Church of Crawfordsville, 116 S Walnut Street, came forward clarifying how this would affect their property. Mr. Nobbe explained that it would make the property more competitive to receive funding and would help protect the property including from demolition.

The meeting closed for public comment at 5:16 p.m.



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Ms. Huckstep explained that the Commission's recommendation would go before Committee on October 6, full Council on October 14, and to third reading on November 10. Aaron Hurt moved to forward the Downtown Crawfordsville Local Historic District to City Council with a favorable recommendation. Emily Race seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

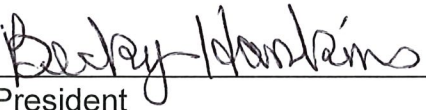
Continuing with Certificate of Appropriateness Review, the Commission considered an extension request submitted by Judith Kleine Architect, LLC on behalf of Crawfordsville Masonic Temple Foundation at 221 S Washington Street. Ms. Kleine came forward representing the COA, providing a brief history of the building to where it is at today. She explained that the current COA is to replace the existing handicap entry door to one with an electronic opener, for which they have already received a grant. Ms. Kleine explained that this would also help the building to become an emergency shelter if they community may ever need it.

Mr. Nobbe presented the Staff Report for the COA. He stated Staff would recommend approval. After clarifying questions from the Commission, Thomas Meeks moved to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness at 221 S Washington Street. Emily Race seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Under items of miscellaneous business, Ms. Huckstep reported that she had received a COA application that would come before the Commission in September. She stated she had not yet received anything new for Jon Oliver's COA extension that the Commission approved at the previous meeting. Lastly, Ms. Huckstep introduced new member Steve Galegor who was present for observation and she also notified the Commission of an additional new member, Nolan Eller.

With no further business, Emily Race moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:35 p.m. Aaron Hurt seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Minutes Approved: 9/24/25



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