



Historic Preservation Commission City of Crawfordsville, Indiana

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

October 25, 2023 at 5:30 PM Meeting Minutes

The City of Crawfordsville Historic Preservation Commission met as scheduled at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 25, 2023 in the Common Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. Members present were: Becky Hankins, Sue Lucas, Aaron Hurt, Thomas Meeks, and Thomas Neal. Member Emily Race was not present. Also in attendance were: Megan Huckstep, Director of Planning & Building Services; Tommy Kleckner of Indiana Landmarks; and Kathryn Vice, Executive Assistant, Planning & Building Services.

Becky Hankins, Historic Preservation Commission President, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Meeting minutes from September 27, 2023 were presented for consideration. Sue Lucas suggested a correction of the minutes in paragraph six, line 11 from tower to base of the tower. Aaron Hurt moved to approve the minutes with the correction. Thomas Neal seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Updated financial reports were provided to the Commission for review. There were no changes from the meeting prior.

Under items of old business, Planning Director Megan Huckstep offered an update on the Journal Review building. She informed the Commission that they had received a Certificate of Appropriateness application for the building, but had received no plans for review at this time, so it would not be presented today. She stated the demo permit had been issued for that work to begin. Ms. Huckstep stated there had been concerns about two more buildings downtown and letters had been sent to Mr. Servies and Mr. Bennett in regards to those concerns, both of whom had been in contact since receiving the letters. Ms. Huckstep said to have informed them of the loan and grant opportunities including the guidelines and applications, as well as informed them of the Crawfordsville Main Street Architectural and Engineering grant.

Continuing under items of old business, Judith Kleine came forward to offer an update on the Masonic Temple. She stated it looked as though the masonry work would be done in the spring now. Ms. Kleine stated they were also approved to update the first floor restrooms.

Under items of new business, Tommy Kleckner of Indiana Landmarks presented a training to the Commission on Mid-Century/20th Century Architectural Styles and Types. Mr. Kleckner explained that styles tends to refer to features and elements, while type tends to be its form or plan. Mr. Kleckner spent much of the training reviewing styles, providing photo examples of each, many within Crawfordsville if available. He briefly went through types as well.

Under miscellaneous business, Ms. Huckstep requested thoughts on the November 22nd meeting, which falls the night before Thanksgiving. Mr. Kleckner stated he would be gone. Ms.



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Huckstep suggested the possibility of moving the meeting to November 15th. After some discussion, the Commission decided to move the November 22nd meeting to November 29th at 5:30 p.m.

Continuing under items of miscellaneous business, Mr. Kleckner stated he would convene a Committee to move downtown designation forward. Ms. Huckstep urged the Commission to keep the 2024 Work Plan in mind as well as updating the loan program as they had done with the grant program.

With a final item of miscellaneous business, Ms. Lucas reported speaking with the maintenance person at the post office. She had learned that one light post had been trashed as it was rotted at the base and the other was saved so that it may be used at another post office location. Ms. Lucas reported informing the maintenance person of the local designation. Mr. Kleckner stated needing to have a conversation with the post master.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Minutes Approved: 12/13/23

Bobby Hankins
President

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Member

Thomas A. Noel
Member

Aaron C. Hunt
Member

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Member

Emily Race
Member