



Historic Preservation Commission City of Crawfordsville, Indiana

City Building

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

December 13, 2023 at 5:30 PM Meeting Minutes

The City of Crawfordsville Historic Preservation Commission met as scheduled at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 13, 2023 in the Common Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. Members present were: Becky Hankins, Sue Lucas, Aaron Hurt, Thomas Meeks, Thomas Neal, and Emily Race. 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 5:35 p.m.

Meeting minutes from October 25, 2023 were presented for consideration. Thomas Neal moved to approve the minutes as presented. Emily Race seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

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

Under items of old business, Sue Lucas requested an update on the Montgomery County Courthouse lighting and slate roofing materials. Planning Director Megan Huckstep reported no update at this time. Commission members requested an update on the Post Office lights. Tommy Kleckner stated his intent to make contact with the Post Master. Mr. Kleckner also reported that he had not received any updates from Jennifer Cullings in regards 122-124 W Main Street. It was noted that the deadline for an update from Ms. Cullings would be January 11, 2024, with the six month extension expiring in April. Ms. Hankins requested an update on the Ben Hur building. Ms. Huckstep stated she had received plans and had been in contact with the developer. She reported that the developer would like to begin demolition and construction soon however, there are still agreements with City that need to be in place prior to proceeding with the project. Ms. Huckstep stated in reviewing the previously approved Certificate of Appropriateness, there was still one item to come before the HPC. Mr. Kleckner stated the final item that needed to come to the HPC and to Indiana Landmarks was the storefront window system, the glass block window openings. He had received no notification of such at this time. Finally, Ms. Huckstep offered an update on the Journal Review building. She reported that it had gone to a public hearing today for an unsafe building order with respect to the fallen wall. Ms. Huckstep stated that the owner of the property did appear at Board of Works and the removal of the remainder of the wall should be completed within the next couple of weeks. It was noted that the current owner is attempting to sell the property and Staff would make efforts to work with any prospective buyer concerning the necessary historic preservation requirements.



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With no further items of old business, the Commission moved forward with new business. Mr. Kleckner reviewed the 2024 Work Plan with Commission members. He requested training topics that members may want to cover during the year. Tom Neal suggested effective PR for local designation. HPC protocol was also suggested. Mr. Kleckner encouraged taking advantage of the NAPC trainings that are offered as well. The Commission engaged in various discussions regarding the plans for 2024.

Under items of miscellaneous business, Ms. Huckstep reported that several members would not be available for the next regularly scheduled meeting. She suggested meeting at 5:00 p.m. on January 17th. Members present were in agreement with the meeting date change.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Minutes Approved: Jan. 17, 2024

Berley Hankins

President

Emily Race

Member

Aaron Hunt

Member

Michael

Member

Jeffrey

Member

Thomas Meeker

Member