



La Porte Historic Preservation Commission
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**CITY OF LA PORTE HISTORIC PRESERVATION
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, March 19, 2019
5:00 P.M.
City of La Porte Council Chambers
801 Michigan Avenue
La Porte, Indiana 46350**

A meeting of the City of La Porte Historic Preservation Commission (“Commission”) was held at the City of La Porte Council Chambers, 801 Michigan Avenue, La Porte, Indiana 46350 on March 19, 2019 at 5:00 P.M. (“Local Time”), pursuant to notice duly given in accordance with the rules of the Commission and the Indiana Open Door Law.

This meeting was called to order at 5:30 P.M. by Ela Bilderback, President.

Paul Vincent led the Pledge of Allegiance.

On call of the roll, the members of the Commission were shown to be present or absent as follows:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ela Bilderback, Peter Steele, Paul Vincent, Cathy Eldridge, Dottie Rosenbaum, Ron McAtee, and Joanne Gorecki.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

GUESTS PRESENT: Beth Shrader, City Planner; Laura Cutler, City Council Liaison; and Debra Parcell, Indiana Landmarks.

MINUTES: Paul moved to approve the February 19, 2019 minutes as presented. Dottie seconded the motion. The motion carried.

CLAIMS: None.

HEARING OF VISITORS: None.

COA(s): None.

DEMOLITION REPORT: None.

LETTERS OF SUPPORT: None.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Cathy reported that the balance is \$1,252.10.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Building Permit Code Change: Beth reported that the ordinance will be on the agenda for the April 1 Common Council meeting for a first reading. She will attend to answer questions and encourages members of the HPC to attend to support the ordinance. It will be introduced by our HPC liaison Laura Cutler. Ela indicated that she plans to attend the April 1 meeting.

B. Historic Preservation Guidelines Discussion Update: Dottie and Deb recounted some highlights from the meeting for the Commission.

- Sherwin-Williams as color palette standard for many commissions throughout the state
- HPC can annually review Interim Report and submit changes to the DHPA
- Common remediation for lead abatement is encapsulation with vinyl...but paint is preferred from a preservation perspective.
- Include an architect, if possible in the makeup of the HPC
- Alleys count as public ROW? – Beth responded that in the broadest sense alleys are public right of ways but hesitates to apply that to the historic design standards
- New guidelines based on existing condition as listed in Interim Report – outstanding / notable / contributing
- New guidelines available end of 2019
- Review enabling ordinance to ensure compatibility with new guidelines

NEW BUSINESS: None.

OTHER BUSINESS: Email with Survey for DHPA distributed to members at the start of the meeting—please check your email and take the survey.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Joanne will attend CAMP and one day of the annual state historic preservation conference.

Beth reported that the staff from the Hammond HPC would like to host members of the La Porte HPC at one of their monthly meetings this summer to share ideas and re-energize members. Beth will follow up with specific dates at next meeting.

There being no further business, Dottie Rosenbaum moved to adjourn the meeting. Joanne Gorecki seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:05 P.M.