



City of La Porte Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 21, 2022 at 5:30 PM
City Hall, Council Chambers, 801 Michigan Avenue

A meeting of the City of La Porte Historic Preservation Commission (“Commission”) was held at City Hall Council Chambers, 801 Michigan Avenue, La Porte, IN, 46350 on Tuesday, June 21, 2022 at 5:30 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 PM by Robert Alt, President.

The board recited 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: Mr. Bruce Johnson, Ms. Jo Happel, Ms. Kelsey Gushrowski, Ms. Cassie Holmquest, Dr. Anna Weissman, and Mr. Robert Alt.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ms. Barbara Krieg.

GUESTS PRESENT: Mr. David Heinold, Councilwoman Laura Konieczny and Ms. Deb Parcell.

MINUTES: Ms. Kelsey Gushrowski made a motion to **approve the May 24, 2022 regular meeting minutes** and the motion was seconded by Mr. Bruce Johnson. The motion passed (6-0).

CLAIMS: None.

HEARING OF VISITORS: Mark Kurth, 969 S. Forrester Rd., President of the People Engaged in Preservation organization discussed that they are working with HPC on the upcoming walking tour in coordination with the La Porte County Library. There was also discussion about PEP coordinating a Sunflower Fest Tour. He also discussed that PEP is working on doing events for later this year, such as a social event in early October for invited guests similar to a “Progressive Dinner”. The audience for this event would be members of PEP, HPC, and Councilmembers with around 30 people in attendance.

COA(s): None.

DEMOLITION REPORT: None.

LETTERS OF SUPPORT: Robert mentioned that two letters have been sent to 502 E St. and 814 Tyler St. Cassie put more addresses on the list of homes. Robert encouraged members to submit more homes to the list.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Kelsey explained there is \$480.75 remaining to spend in the HPC account and the Restricted Fund has over \$4,000.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. La Porte Historical Coloring Book Update – Bruce explained that the book signing date was the past Saturday. Bruce reported that Hawkins has 110 coloring books in a box. Robert explained that 510 coloring books have been printed and HPC owes Hawkins \$1,200. Robert will call Hawkins to make sure that they are not printing more coloring books. There was additional discussion regarding the upcoming school year. Jo will confirm the delivery date to schools and 3rd grade enrollment.
- B. Walking Tour with Library – Robert reported that the board needs a list of properties that give permission to post signs and have a written response for each house. The date for the walking tour will be Thursday, September 15 meeting at Evvy's Coffeehouse and leaving from there. The Library will hand out brochures with information on each of the historic homes. Anna mentioned that the board should add walking tour information on the signs. Robert explained that the cost of signs is \$9.50 each for printing 20 signs. Anna will look into adding QR codes with the Library. Mark Kurth mentioned that PEP could provide copies of photos that are in the candlelight tour books. Robert explained that the Library is doing QR codes in their new brochures.
- C. Indiana Landmarks Workshop – Anna reported that the date for the workshop is Saturday, October 1 from 10:00 am to 11:30 am. The topic for the workshop will historic window repair. The workshop will be held at the Healthcare Foundation of La Porte Conference room at 140 Eastshore Parkway in La Porte. There will be a session on the three phases of historic window restoration; before, during, and after. The cost for the workshop will be \$5 per person for non-Indiana Landmarks members and free for Indiana Landmarks members. Registration will be available through the Indiana Landmarks Eventbrite page. Anna will send the City marketing information for the workshop event. The total cost for the presenter is \$175. Indiana Landmarks would pay the difference from the registration fee to the HPC.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Designated Home Brochure review – Robert and Cassie explained the brochure with designated homes that has information about the homes, city phone number, QR code link to new design guidelines for local historic district homes. Anna questioned if the board should have more information about the guidelines. Robert told board members to review and provide comments by 6/28.
- B. HPC City Email Address – Robert explained that the cost for a city email for HPC is \$48 per year to be able to use for sending and receiving emails regarding the HPC. Anna made a motion to **approve the purchase of a city email for HPC** and the motion was seconded by Jo. The motion passed (6-0). The email address will be HPC@cityoflaportein.gov. The email will be co-managed by Robert and Anna in addition to David as the City staff liaison.

OTHER BUSINESS: Robert explained that the City gets 2 scholarships as a Certified Local Government for members to attend the upcoming Preserving Historic Places Conference that will be held in South Bend from September 28-30. David will send Steve Kennedy an email that Robert and Anna would like to apply for the two scholarships on behalf of the City.

Bruce reported that he sold 50 coloring books and would like to host another book signing at an upcoming Arts in the Park event.

There was additional discussion regarding the coloring books. Robert will follow up with the group after talking with Hawkins.

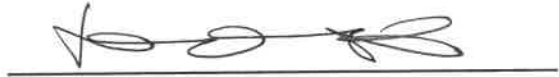
Jo mentioned that HPC should inquire about having a table at the La Porte Farmers Market. Kelsey, Robert, and Jo expressed interest in being available at the table.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

There being no further business, Ms. Kelsey Gushrowski made a motion to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Ms. Cassie Holmquest. The motion passed unanimously (6-0). The meeting adjourned at 6:29 PM.



Historic Preservation Commission President



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