



**City of La Porte Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, January 18, 2023 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 Wednesday, January 18, 2023 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 5:31 PM by Dr. Anna Weissman, 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:** Dr. Anna Weissman, Ms. Barbara Krieg, Mr. Bruce Johnson, and Ms. Fonda Owens.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Ms. Jo Happel. 2 vacancies were announced on the Commission.

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

**MINUTES:** Anna explained that the coloring book price was amended by City staff to \$3.50 per book in the meeting minutes. Fonda Owens made a motion to **approve the December 20, 2022 regular meeting minutes** and the motion was seconded by Bruce Johnson. The motion passed (4-0).

**CLAIMS:** None.

**HEARING OF VISITORS:** None.

**2023 Election of Officers:** Anna mentioned that she is planning a future move to another state, but can stay with the board as long as possible. Anna explained that the Commission is working with the Mayor to get three new members by the March HPC meeting. There was discussion amongst the board on a slate of candidates for officers. Anna Weissman made a motion to **nominate Barbara Krieg for President, Bruce Johnson for Vice President, and Fonda Owens for Treasurer** and the motion was seconded by Fonda Owens. The motion passed (4-0).

**COA(s):** None.

**DEMOLITION REPORT:** None.

**LETTERS OF SUPPORT:** None.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** David will send City financial reports to Fonda and provide an explanation of Treasurer duties.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**SUBCOMMITTEES PROGRESS REPORTS**

- A. Coloring Books – No report.
- B. Designated Homes Compliance – There was discussion about Cassie's letter of support draft. Anna will pass on folder to Barbara for letters of support.
- C. Events and Outreach – The Commission discussed logistics for the HPC educational workshop. The board members will set a date available to the mason for presentation. The location is set for 211 Rose Street. The notice for the workshop will be promoted as soon as the date for the workshop is set.

**NEW BUSINESS:** David explained that the City and HPC is required to submit the biannual Certified Local Government Report by March 2023 to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology. David asked board members for assistance in developing a list of achievements by next meeting.

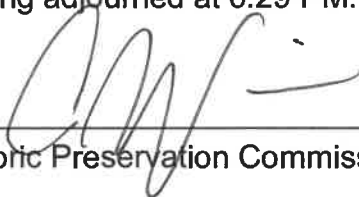
Barbara asked if there was going to be an education commission program for new members. Deb will put together an HPC 101 orientation session at a future meeting with the full board and also have folders for members to navigate being on the Commission.

The board discussed a list of items for future trainings on Commission activities. There will need to be a group training on letters of support, City SharePoint online file storage training demonstrations by staff, and a checklist for members to receive about their duties as board members. David will make sure that each board member receives a copy of the Interim Report. Deb will send two contract prices for Commission assistance from Indiana Landmarks.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Barbara mentioned that Bruce wrote a great article featured about local figure in the newspaper.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None.

There being no further business, Ms. Barbara Krieg made a motion to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Mr. Bruce Johnson. The motion passed unanimously (4-0). The meeting adjourned at 6:29 PM.



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Historic Preservation Commission President



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