



<b>City of La Porte Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes</b>
<b>Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at 5:30 PM</b>
<b>City Hall, Council Chambers, 801 Michigan Avenue</b>

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, February 15, 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 5:30 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, Mr. Bruce Johnson, and Ms. Fonda Owens (No quorum present for action items).
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** Ms. Jo Happel. 3 vacancies were announced on the Commission.
- GUESTS PRESENT:** Mr. David Heinold, Ms. Deb Parcell, City Councilwoman Laura Konieczny, and Mr. Peter Steele.
- MINUTES:** No quorum present for action on approving the January 18, 2023 HPC meeting minutes.
- CLAIMS:** None.
- HEARING OF VISITORS:** None.
- COA(s):** None.
- DEMOLITION REPORT:** None.
- LETTERS OF SUPPORT:** None.
- TREASURER’S REPORT:** David will talk with the Clerk-Treasurer about the \$150 payment to Imrich for the Masonry Workshop held on Saturday to come from the HPC restricted account.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. Historic Masonry Workshop update – Anna mentioned that the Masonry workshop on Saturday was successful with a great presenter, Imrich Kuric.
- B. Biannual Certified Local Government report update – David provided an update that he will be working on getting the Certified Local Government (CLG) biannual report for submission the DNR as part of the CLG requirements.

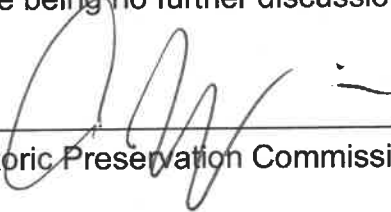
- C. Indiana Landmarks contract update – Deb will send the City and HPC a copy of the revised contract for professional services to be approved at the March HPC meeting.
- D. HPC vacancies – Anna mentioned that there are currently four vacancies that she is working on filling as soon as possible. Deb mentioned that Indiana Landmarks can send to City of La Porte resident members. The City recently put out a Facebook post that gained a lot of attention. Anna will call the interested people about the vacancies and Laura will work on getting the HPC appointments made for those interested in being on the HPC. Laura mentioned that the HPC needs to work on setting annual goals for things such as outreach/education, local designations, and coloring books.

**NEW BUSINESS:** David provided an update on the Downtown Design Review applications that have been received so far this year as well as a historical report.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Anna mentioned that she is working with the owners of 1209 Michigan Avenue on local designation. Bruce will reach out to Susan Bukowski about HPC interest. There was discussion future education and outreach possibly with the Rotary Club on a specific topic such as what the commission does or local vs. national historic districts. Bruce mentioned that the HPC needs to inform designated owners about us and the new guidelines. Deb will send a few examples of outreach to designated owners from other communities.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None.

There being no further discussion, the meeting concluded at 6:15 PM.

  
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Historic Preservation Commission President

  
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