



City of La Porte Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 20, 2024 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, August 20, 2024 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 Sallie LaRocco, Chair.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sallie LaRocco, Fonda Owens, Jeanne Rafaj, Peter Steele, Lexi Blozis, and Bruce Johnson (Advisory Member; arrived at 5:51 pm)

MEMBERS ABSENT: April Hacker.

GUESTS PRESENT: David Heinold, Drew Buchanan, Deb Parcell, and Mark Kurth.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Fonda Owens to approve the June 18, 2024 meeting minutes and the motion was seconded by Jeanne Rafaj. The motion passed 5-0.

CORRESPONDENCE REPORTS (CLAIMS, COAs, Demolition Reports): None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Sallie provided a review of the coloring book project that Bruce raised enough money in sponsorships for printing the coloring books to deliver to the schools.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Local Designation Plaques – Jeanne provided the members with an order form draft and wording for the local designation plaques. She mentioned that the base amount for a plaque would be about \$140 plus tax and shipping is free. Jeanne Rafaj made a motion to approve the order form draft wording pending review by Deb Parcell and the motion was seconded by Fonda Owens. The motion passed 5-0.
- B. Sunflower Fair – Sallie provided a brief update that the booth application was sent in for the Sunflower Fair booth. She mentioned that April is working on the booth, but was unable to make the meeting for the update. There will be follow up coordination on booth details prior to the Sunflower Fair to confirm volunteers.
- C. Continuing Education for CLG Community – Sallie provided a reminder that as part of the City of La Porte designation as a CLG Community there is an educational requirement for HPC members to participate in workshops, conferences, and other webinars about historic preservation. David explained that he believes that the educational events, workshops, and webinars attended by the HPC members should be adequate to meet the requirements of the CLG designation. He encouraged the

HPC members to continue to attend workshops, conferences, and webinars. HPC members need to send details to David for inclusion in the file for the biannual report to DNR for the CLG community designation.

- D. HPC Roundtable Recap – Deb provided a brief report on the HPC Roundtable discussion that was attended by several HPC members from different communities and a great opportunity to connect with each other about historic preservation. Deb mentioned that they are looking to do a workshop in La Porte next. The board decided to host a hazardous materials workshop on November 9th from 10 am to Noon at the Library in downtown La Porte. Deb also provided an example of a postcard from Decatur, Alabama that was sent to listing agents for homes on the market.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Historic Neighborhoods Assets Project – Sallie provided a presentation on the historic neighborhoods assets project to the HPC members along with Mark Kurth from Preserve Historic La Porte. They both discussed the project details as a preliminary idea for helping to preserve the historic fabric of the community. Fonda asked about who the partners in the project would be. Mark Kurth explained the potential partners for the project. Sallie mentioned that she will keep the HPC updated on the project as it progresses through the process.

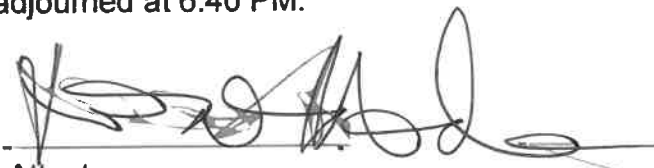
HEARING OF VISITORS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Bruce mentioned that the coloring book sponsorship list and logos from individuals are ready. Bruce mentioned that the coloring books are ready to print now for distribution this fall. David mentioned that they City approved a Downtown Design Review application for tuckpointing and minor painting at 314-316 Lincolnway including preservation of the Leroy's Market mural along with removal of the Vintage Rose mural. Deb mentioned that the City approved a COA at 1202 Indiana Avenue for roof repair with similar tile materials. Bruce mentioned that he would like to purchase some of the prior year's coloring books. Bruce mentioned that there about 25 coloring books remaining. There was discussion about selling prior year's remaining coloring books. Sallie LaRocco made a motion to **approve selling prior year's coloring books to the La Porte County Historical Society Museum** and the motion was seconded by Jeanne Rafaj. The motion passed 5-0.

There was discussion about purchasing more coloring books to sell with the new sponsors. Bruce mentioned that he would like to purchase 50 more coloring books from the City HPC to sell at the Sunflower Fair. Jeanne Rafaj made a motion to **approve ordering 50 more coloring books to sell at the Sunflower Fair as well as the La Porte County Historical Society Museum** and the motion seconded by Peter Steele. The motion passed 5-0. Jeanne Rafaj mentioned that Claudia Winter is requesting a designation application for 1033 Madison Street and she sent a copy of the application out to the homeowner.

There being no further discussion, a motion was made by Peter Steele to adjourn and the motion was seconded by Jeanne Rafaj. The meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.


Historic Preservation Commission Chair


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