



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

**Wednesday, January 22, 2025 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 22, 2025 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.

Bruce Johnson led the pledge of allegiance along with board members in attendance.

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, Peter Steele, Jeanne Rafaj, Christa Hurley-King, and Bruce Johnson (Advisory Member).

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Lexi Blozis.

**GUESTS PRESENT:** David Heinold and Drew Buchanan.

**MINUTES:** A motion was made by Fonda Owens to approve the December 17, 2025 meeting minutes and the motion was seconded by Peter Steele. The motion passed 5-0.

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A. New member welcome and introductions – Christa Hurley-King introduced herself to the board members.

B. Events and Outreach – Sallie mentioned that Preserve Historic La Porte is holding a paint workshop next month. Sallie explained that the HPC will be selecting the list of workshops for the year at next month’s meeting.

C. Appointment of HPC member to Downtown Design Review Committee – Sallie LaRocco made a motion to **nominate Jeanne Rafaj to the Downtown Design Review Committee** and the motion was seconded by Fonda Owens. The motion passed 5-0.

**HEARING OF VISITORS:** None.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Bruce Johnson passed information about the Indiana Historical Marker program and gave a brief description of the program. The board discussed the information.

David provided the board members with an update that he will send out the annual report on COAs reviewed and approved last year to the members.

Jeanne mentioned the email correspondence from Deb about State Senate legislation in regards to the real estate disclosure of a historic house.

There being no further discussion, a motion was made by Jeanne Rafaj to adjourn and the motion was seconded by Christa Hurley-King. The meeting adjourned at 5:46 PM.



Historic Preservation Commission Chair



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