



City of La Porte Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 19, 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, February 19, 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.

The board recited the pledge of allegiance along with individuals 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, and Christa Hurley-King.
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jeanne Rafaj and Bruce Johnson (Advisory Member).
- GUESTS PRESENT:** David Heinold, Deb Parcell, and Drew Buchanan.
- MINUTES:** A motion was made by Christa Hurley-King to approve the January 22, 2025 meeting minutes and the motion was seconded by Fonda Owens. The motion passed 4-0.
- CORRESPONDENCE REPORTS (CLAIMS, COAs, Demolition Reports):** None.
- COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None.
- OLD BUSINESS:** None.
- NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Approval of Indiana Landmarks Professional Services Contract
Sallie explained the request for approval of the Indiana Landmarks Professional Services Contract for Deb Parcell’s assistance to the Historic Preservation Commission. Peter Steele made a motion to approve the Indiana Landmarks Professional Services Contract and Fonda Owens seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

B. HPC Educational Workshop Dates – The board discussed the 2025 Educational Workshop topics and dates. Deb will talk with Todd about a potential workshop for how to prep your home for major road construction. The windows workshop is scheduled for June 14th and Preserve Historic La Porte will set up an Eventbrite registration for the event.

C. Committee Member Assignments – Christa volunteered to lead the Sunflower Fair Committee.

D. Dates for Continuing Education Events – Deb provided an update on the list of events for the year that commission members should consider attending as part of the City's Certified Local Government status with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology. CAMP will be held on September 29th and the Preserving Historic Places conference will be held October 1st to the 3rd, both in Fort Wayne at the same venue. She also mentioned that there is a NAPC webinar on Neon Signs at Noon CT tomorrow, which are free for commission members and staff to attend.

E. CLG Biannual Report Update – David provided an explanation on the Certified Local Government Biannual Report to IDNR for the year 2024 activities with the City of La Porte Historic Preservation Commission. David requested from the board members that have not had the chance to put together a resume biographies of their backgrounds and to provide a list of educational events in 2024. The CLG Report is due to IDNR by May 4th this year.

HEARING OF VISITORS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Deb mentioned that there will be a New Carlisle Roundtable event on May 29th at the Old Republic House with food, a speaker, and networking on the topic of new infill construction in historic districts by Kurt Garner West.

Fonda provided a budget update for the HPC restricted fund account balance of \$4,182.09 for the commission.

Peter mentioned that NAPC website is napcommissions.org for the board members and staff.

There being no further discussion, a motion was made by Peter Steele to adjourn and the motion was seconded by Christa Hurley-King. The meeting adjourned at 5:56 PM.



Historic Preservation Commission Chair



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