



City of La Porte Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 21, 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 Wednesday, February 21, 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, Cassandra Redeagle, and Bruce Johnson (Advisory Member)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Maggie Caviston and April Hacker.

GUESTS PRESENT: David Heinold, Deb Parcell, and Drew Buchanan

MINUTES: A motion was made by Fonda Owens to approve the January 17, 2024 meeting minutes and the motion was seconded by Jeanne Rafaj. The motion passed 4-0.

CORRESPONDENCE REPORTS (CLAIMS, COAs, Demolition Reports):

- A. Certificate of Appropriateness
 - c. 1217 Michigan Avenue – Stained glass window repair
(staff approval)
Sallie explained that the COA for 1217 Michigan Avenue was submitted for stained glass window repair and was staff approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Indiana Landmarks Commission Assistance Agreement – Sallie explained Deb Parcell’s contract for professional services assistance from Indiana Landmarks. Deb Parcell, Indiana Landmarks, explained the agreement to the commission. Cassandra Redeagle made a motion to **approve the Indiana Landmarks Commission Assistance Agreement** and the motion was seconded by Jeanne Rafaj. The motion passed 4-0.

- B. Update on letters to designated homeowners – Jeanne mentioned that she finished the letters and passed out samples to the commission of what will be sent to the designated homeowners. She also distributed the HPC brochures that were made to provide education about historic preservation in the community to the members. She mentioned that she used 108 stamps from the HPC collection. The board discussed the development of a postcard for outreach to designated homeowners.
- C. Events and Outreach – It was mentioned that Preserve Historic La Porte is hosting a Tax and Incentive Workshop on Saturday, February 24 at Health Foundation of La Porte. Deb mentioned that Indiana Landmarks is hosting a commission members only workshop on April 2nd on working with code enforcement. Deb also provided information that a windows 101 workshop is planned to be held at the Michigan City Library.

HEARING OF VISITORS: Mark Kurth, Preserve Historic La Porte, added that people can register on the PHLP website for the Tax and Incentive Workshop.

Lexi Blozis, 612 D Street, introduced herself to the commission members and mentioned that she wanted to come meet everyone to learn about the HPC.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Fonda mentioned that the Library has the full plans for the Indiana Avenue Reconstruction project available for review at the Main Library in Downtown La Porte. She also mentioned that there is a public meeting being held at Health Foundation of La Porte on March 6, 5:30 to 7:30 pm.

There being no further discussion, a motion was made by Jeanne Rafaj to adjourn and the motion was seconded by Fonda Owens. The meeting adjourned at 5:58 PM.



Historic Preservation Commission Chair



Attest