



<b>City of La Porte Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes</b>
<b>Tuesday, May 20, 2025 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 Tuesday, May 20, 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, Bruce Johnson, Peter Steele, and Christa Hurley-King.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Fonda Owens.

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

**MINUTES:** A motion was made by Peter Steele to approve the March 18, 2025 meeting minutes and the motion was seconded by Christa Hurley-King. The motion passed 3-0.

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Bruce reported that he received thank you letters from the kids that will be sent to the sponsors of the coloring book. Sallie asked David to put in the application for reserving the Sunflower Fair booth this year. Christa volunteered to lead the planning activities for this year's Sunflower Fair booth.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. Final prep for educational workshop – Sallie distributed postcards for inviting people to the educational workshop on prepping pipes for the Indiana Avenue road construction project coming up at First United Methodist Fellowship Hall on May 27<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm with a presentation by Lawson Fisher Engineering firm plus question and answer. Members are encouraged to be there at 5 pm for set up. David will get the easels to Sallie for the posters.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**HEARING OF VISITORS:** None.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** David mentioned that the Certified Local Government report was submitted this month and the state is currently reviewing our report.

Deb mentioned that the Indiana Landmarks workshop is scheduled for Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm (ET) in the Old Republic House located in New Carlisle. There will be tours, food, and a presentation by Kurt Garner West on new construction and appropriate infill construction within historic districts. Members are encourage to register for the workshop for education credit.

Sallie announced that there are 3 vacancies on the commission currently that we are looking for members to participate. She asked the members for nominations of interested people to send to the Mayor's office.

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 5:46 PM.

  
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Historic Preservation Commission Chair  
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