



City of La Porte Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 17, 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 Tuesday, June 17, 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, Bruce Johnson, Peter Steele, and Christa Hurley-King.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

GUESTS PRESENT: David Heinold.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Fonda Owens to approve the March 18, 2025 meeting minutes and the motion was seconded by Peter Steele. The motion passed 4-0.

A motion was made by Peter Steele to approve the May 20, 2025 meeting minutes and the motion was seconded by Christa Hurley-King. The motion passed 4-0.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Sallie mentioned that next month there will be more committee reports. Bruce reported that he will start contacting the schools for enrollment numbers. He mentioned that the sponsors like when the children send them letters.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Recap from Indiana Avenue Presentation – Sallie mentioned that the presentation went well and there was really good participation from everyone. There were many questions answered about the upcoming work.

NEW BUSINESS:

- B. HPC Educational Workshop Planning – There was discussion about the educational workshop potential topics for this year. A masonry, stucco, or tuckpointing workshop were mentioned as possibilities.
- C. Section 106 Review Correspondence for Housing Opportunities, Inc. Project at 205 Rumely Street (Coca-Cola Bottling Company Building) – Sallie explained that the board will table until next month to allow more time to review the request for correspondence. David explained the process for HPC review and recommendation on the Section 106 Review Correspondence for the project at 205 Rumely Street.

HEARING OF VISITORS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: David explained that the Preserving Historic Places Conference takes place in Fort Wayne, September 30 to October 3. David asked for interested members to attend the conference. The City has two scholarships available through the CLG program and David needs to send the state two names as soon as possible. All members expressed interest in attending the conference in Fort Wayne later this year. Sallie mentioned that she will look into funding for all members to attend the conference.

There being no further discussion, a motion was made by Christa Hurley-King to adjourn and the motion was seconded by Fonda Owens. The meeting adjourned at 5:55 PM.



Historic Preservation Commission Chair



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