

Minutes
CITY OF RICHMOND, INDIANA
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Richmond City Council Chambers
Monday, December 10, 2012

5:00 P.M.

Attendance: President Michael Thuman ___X___, Don Nordstrom ___X___, David Inderstrod ___X___, Lynn Johnstone ___X___, Jill Nelson ___X___, Joe Schroeder ___X___, Ron Hughes ___X___, Scott Zimmerman, Staff ___X___.
Four members constitute a quorum and official action may be taken.

Guest: Scott Bartel, Michael Daugherty, Mark Millis of the Richmond Community Schools; Bruce Oesterling, Richmond Building Commissioner.

Michael called the meeting to order at 5 p.m.

Approve Minutes – November, 2012

Joe moved, Don seconded to approve the November minutes. Passed unanimously.

Scott passed out the commission member list and pointed out that shows that Joe Schroeder and Jill Nelson are up for renewal by Mayor Hutton at the end of December. They may contact Mayor Hutton about their desire to be reappointed.

BUSINESS

Scott reported that he had presented information on the National Register of Historic Places to the Richmond Community Schools board on November 28 which resulted in newspaper coverage. Mr. Michael Daugherty of 1646 Buttermilk Road saw the article and came to speak to the preservation commission. He pointed out that he has done work with several communities regarding properties on the national register and it has always resulted in increased costs and extra time spent on the project he feared for the school corporation's ability to fund any future work on the high school.

The preservation staff pointed out that the commission is to evaluate the application based on its completeness and whether the commission determined the building to be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. Based on the fact that the staff has worked intermittently over the last year to complete the application and based on the additional historic and architectural information found, Scott recommends that the nomination be submitted to the DHPA with the recommendation that it be listed in the register. (see attached report) The school board is able to continue questioning listing in the registry at the state level. There was one typographical error listing the square footage of the building to 7 million square feet which is incorrect. Michael moved to accept staff recommendation. Jill Seconded that motion. A voice poll of the commission reflected unanimous approval of the motion.

After pointing out there was a typo in the amount of square footage of the school, Michael moved to accept the nomination and forward with correction to the state preservation office. Jill Nelson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all voting in favor.

Scott reported he has drafted a letter regarding the Little Depot but did not have it in hand. He will email it for commission review and then send to the Mayor.

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Bruce Oesterling was introduced as the Richmond Building Commissioner who replace John Lindley. Joe asked if there is a list of condemned buildings. Bruce pointed out a list is being developed but is not a complete list to be reviewed for action by the Unsafe Building Commission. An open records request through the law department should be made for that list. Bruce welcomes the opportunity to create additional dialogue between the inspections office and the preservation commission.

Michael asked that we consider a later meeting time for the commission since he is having difficulties getting back to Richmond by 5 p.m.

David moved, Jill seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 6:00.