

Minutes
CITY OF RICHMOND, INDIANA
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Monday, January 9, 2012
Richmond City Council Chambers
5:00 P.M.

Attendance: President Michael Thuman ___x___, Don Nordstrom ___X___, David Inderstrod____, Lynn Johnstone ___X___, Jill Nelson_X___, Joe Schroeder ___X___, John Oberle,____, Scott Zimmerman, Staff___X___.
Four members constitute a quorum and official action may be taken.

Guest: J.P. Hall, Director, Eastern Regional Office, Indiana Landmarks Foundation

Approve Minutes –December, 2011

Jill moved and Michael seconded to approve the December 2011 minutes. Passed.

BUSINESS

Michael recognized new commission member Don Nordstrom and acknowledged his preservation interests. Don is originally from the Chicago, Illinois area but retired recently from Valparaiso, Indiana. He purchased Jean Prichard's property on South 11th Street.

Joe moved and Jill seconded to retain the existing slate of officers. The motion was passed unanimously. Scott distributed the 2012 commission members list.

Jill reviewed the fundraising letter she developed. No further suggestions were made. Jill will begin to send out the letter to possible funders. Lynn will develop a grant proposal through Indiana Landmarks foundation. The deadline is March 1.

Jill reminded everyone of the February 7 program on architects Marlatt & Dozier which will be given by Joe Schroeder at the Martha Parry House, 2221 East Main Street. The program will be at 7 p.m. Jill moved and Lynn seconded that a brief February Preservation Commission meeting will be held that evening before the taping of the show. Motion passed unanimously. Scott will send out a press release for the program and meeting.

J.P. Hall, new Eastern Regional Director of Indiana Landmarks, discussed the potential of having an organization in Richmond which would acquire and rehab endangered landmarks. Discussion was made of past groups like Historic Richmond and individuals like Lucky Ward who have done that.

J.P. offered to have Steve Wyatt of Bloomington Restorations, Inc. (BRI) or Frank Hagaman of Indianapolis discuss ways they have gotten building restoration going. BRI has been working since the 1970s and Frank Hagaman is developing land banking for Indianapolis neighborhoods. Muncie also has an organization called Eco-Rehab. Scott pointed out that Scott Bartel is working with Kris and Jill Nelson to establish a local preservation co-op and Michael has expressed interested in the group. Scott will alert Scott Bartel as demolition permits are issued through the permits office. The co-op will also provide affordable skills and labor for preservation projects.

Scott was asked to schedule David Duval or Paul Diebold for the March commission meeting to discuss tax credits

Scott is working on signs that will meet Center City Development Corporation's approval marking four entrances to the Main Street National Register District.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20