

Minutes
CITY OF RICHMOND, INDIANA
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Monday, March 12, 2012
Richmond City Council Chambers
5:00 P.M.

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

Guest: Scott Bartle

Approve Minutes – January , 2012

It was noted that Jill's husband spells his name Kris. The minutes were corrected Jill moved and Michael seconded to approve the January minutes as amended. Passed. It was also noted that due to a lack of a quorum at the Tuesday, February 7 program, the commission did not officially meet in February.

BUSINESS

Jill will send a revised fundraising letter to the commission and asked that each commission member attempt to raise \$100 for the funding of the Historic Richmond Today show. If \$700 is raised, that would pay for the rest of the year. Lynn will check with Indiana Landmarks and Preserve Richmond, Michael will check with SPUR, David will check with RCS.

Michael asked if any further thought had been given about the ability to acquire funds to preserve a building. He asked Scott to provide a sample letter to request money from the Community Foundation. Scott suggested that to get maximum support, a structure within the Vaile Neighborhood NSP area could be considered.

Scott pointed out that showing success with the proposed architectural salvage co-op might be a better starting point. He shared the liability waiver commission members would need to sign to salvage material from the two properties to be demolished on North 9th Street.

Scott received a request from the IN Division of Historic Preservation & Archaeology (DHPA) that the commission should request that the DHPA remove the Richmond Gas Works Building from the National Register of Historic Places since it was torn down. Jill moved and Michael seconded approval to send the letter. Passed unanimously.

Scott shared information from Tony Foster about progress to acquire the old Cincinnati, Richmond & Muncie rail line (also known as CSX) between South G Street and North D Street. Michael asked Scott to send commission members the city council contact information so commission members and contact them and encourage preservation of the little depot.

There was also concern expressed about the new addition to the former Beach Club tanning salon on E. Main. Scott pointed out that conservation districts can only review demolitions, new construction (this is an addition) or relocation of a structure. Jill and Scott Bartle will host the next commission meeting to have a neighborhood discussion of petitioning a portion of the Linden Hill Conservation District to be a Local Historic District which would also allow review of remodeling work.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20