

**Minutes**  
**CITY OF RICHMOND, INDIANA**  
**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**  
**Richmond City Council Chambers**  
**Tuesday, October 9, 2012**

**5:00 P.M.**

**Attendance:** President Michael Thuman \_\_X\_\_, Don Nordstrom \_\_X\_\_, David Inderstrod\_\_ (called in)\_\_, Lynn Johnstone \_\_X\_\_, Jill Nelson \_\_X\_\_, Joe Schroeder \_\_X\_\_, John Oberle (vacant) \_\_\_\_, Scott Zimmerman, Staff \_\_X\_\_. Four members constitute a quorum and official action may be taken.

**Guest:** Scott Bartel, Roger Richert, Ron Hughes

**Approve Minutes – September, 2012**

Lynn moved, Michael seconded to approve the September minutes. Passed unanimously.

**BUSINESS**

Scott introduced Roger Richert who explained the caboose relocation project. Michael asked if funds would be available to insure the repair and maintenance of the caboose since it is in disrepair. Roger pointed out that there is great community interest in doing this and many donations have already been made for site preparation. He has full confidence that the work will get done, in part because he owns the property and has worked hard for the upgrade of the whole depot district. Scott discussed what it would take if the commission were to consider applying for a DHPA grant to help the project. In short, he did not feel the project would be eligible. Scott reviewed his staff report and explained why he recommended approval of the Certificate of Appropriateness. Lynn moved for approval, seconded by Jill. Motion passed unanimously.

Jill asked for comment on the proposed Linden Hill design guidelines. Although he felt it is a very good document, Michael wondered if the wording was too specific in some areas. It is hard to anticipate all the issues that might come up. It was determined that the guidelines are for neighborhood consideration and will be brought back to the commission and ultimately city council approval. Residents may request many aspects of the guidelines be removed. The commission will have to decide if the guidelines will adequately protect the neighborhood and base their recommendation on that. Anyone with specific suggestions is asked to contact Jill before the next meeting.

The Historic Richmond Today show was discussed again since no further funds have come in and no additional leadership has presented itself. Jill suggested there may need to be a new format. It had been hoped that a series featuring hands-on restoration techniques and process could be produced. Lynn pointed out that she and Penn Ansorg are taping a program on Governor Morton's home for Preserve Richmond. The home is in Centerville. It was discussed letting Preserve Richmond adopt the program and removing the commission's role in the program.

Scott Z. was asked to remove Review of Funding/Action to Preserve At-Risk Buildings from the agenda.

Scott reported that a conflict prevented the Richmond Community Schools Board from having a work session on October 17. Scott was asked what the commission's role is in

the national register review process. He explained that the commission is to determine if the site is eligible for listing in the register and the application is sufficiently complete to submit to the IN Div. of Historic Preservation & Archaeology. Scott was asked if there is further public review once the commission makes its recommendation. He confirmed that the state preservation commission holds a public hearing quarterly regarding nominations when they are ready to be sent to the National Parks Service (keeper of the national register) before final listing. Scott was asked to inform Dr. Bourff that the commission will review the nomination at its November commission meeting. Since it is a public meeting, school board members may discuss the issue at that time.

Scott was asked to draft a letter for the commission stating they request the city keep the North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street depot (upon acquisition) until the structure can be appropriately rehabilitated or established as a local historic district. Scott was also asked to have Bill Thistlethwait meet with the commission about the recently adopted Gorge Master Plan and how it relates to historic preservation especially in regard to the North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street depot.

Michael adjourned the meeting at 5:50.