

MINUTES

CITY OF RICHMOND, INDIANA HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Monday, February 10, 2014
Richmond Municipal Building
3rd Floor Council Chambers
5:30 P.M.

Attendance: Ron Hughes, __X__, Vacancy __, Lynn Johnstone __X__, Jill Nelson_X_, Beth Lunsford__X__, Joe Schroeder _X_, Michael Thuman _X___, Scott Zimmerman, Staff_X___.

In the absence of David Inderstrodt, Jill called the meeting to order at 5:30.

BUSINESS

Welcome – Scott discussed that David Inderstrodt has moved outside the city limits which prevents him from being on the commission. Jill Nelson as vice chair, called the meeting to order. The commission could function with an acting chair in anticipation of a new commission member being appointed by Mayor Hutton but a motion was made by Michael, seconded by Joe, to elect new officers. Motion passed unanimously. Joe moved, seconded by Beth to appoint Jill as Chair and Michael as Vice Chair for the rest of the year. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve Minutes – The January 2014 minutes were moved for approval by Michael, seconded by Ron. Motion passed unanimously.

Educational Workshops – Scott shared information on workshops put on by Michiana Restores. That organization works closely with the South Bend preservation commission. Scott was asked to look into doing a Skype conference with the South Bend commission to discuss how South Bend's commission works. Scott will work with J.P. Hall of Indiana Landmarks to consider how Landmarks can be of help with that.

Mothball Ordinance – Jill discussed conversation she had had with Tony Foster about the ordinance. Tony had explained he was hoping to have less specifics which could cause problems if not followed to the Letter, Jill had explained the commission was just wanting to provide guidance to the person considering mothballing a property. Although the conversation was generally positive, no communication has been received with input from the Unsafe Building Commission (UBC).

Scott reviewed the properties that will be on the March UBC meeting and discussed that it would be the commission's place to comment about the value of retaining smaller structure between the two Neighborhood Stabilization Program houses on South 10th Street.

Michael updated the commission on recent activities with a group called RestoRichmond which is trying to bring people together to discuss historic preservation. He also discussed the Hardest Hit Fund the city will apply for and the need to create a salvage program for that. He also offered to look over the Mothball Ordinance to try and reduce details.

Michael moved, seconded by Beth to adjourn.
Meeting adjourned at 6:40

Next meeting:

Monday, March 10, 5:30 p.m. in the city building council chambers 3rd fl.