

**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF RICHMOND, INDIANA**  
**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**  
**Monday, January 12, 2015**  
**Richmond Municipal Building**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Council Chambers**  
**5:30 P.M.**

**Attendance:** Ron Hughes  X , Lynn Johnstone  X , Chera LaForge \_\_\_\_\_,  
Beth Lunsford  X , Jill Nelson \_\_\_\_\_, Rhonda Irvine  X , Michael Thuman  X ,  
Sue Mathews  X , Sarah Mitchell, Staff  X , Ashley Schultz, Staff  X ,

Michael Thuman called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Approve Minutes** – The December minutes were reviewed. Ron Hughes Moved. Seconded by Beth Lunsford to adopt the December minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**Elect Commission Officers** - Article Three of the Rules of Procedure states the offices of Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Secretary shall be elected at the first meeting of each calendar year. Michael Thuman moved to uphold the elected officers of 2014, maintaining Jill Nelson as Chairperson, Michael Thuman as Vice-Chairperson, and City Staff as Secretary. Seconded by Rhonda Irvine. Motion passed unanimously.

**Commission Website and Brochures** - City Staff showed the new website dedicated to the Commission: [www.richmondindiana.gov/historicpreservation](http://www.richmondindiana.gov/historicpreservation). Commission members proposed materials the website could provide. Michael suggested adding the Commission's legal documents, archived minutes, and links to the Wayne County GIS and future WCTV youtube videos. Beth and City Staff suggested adding links to other local historical websites, such as the Morrisson-Reeves Library, WayNet, and Preserve Richmond. Beth noted these resources gathered in one location would serve as a good educational tool for local students and newcomers to Richmond.

The Commission noted the benefits of having a brochure for individual historic districts. Staff showed examples of brochures and historic walking tours collected and maintained by the Morrisson-Reeves Library. The Commission discussed the potential of creating new brochures. Beth suggested students in the LOGOS Program could design the brochures if provided the information and pictures.

**Hazardous Weather** - City Staff requested a motion from the Commission in preparation for hazardous weather conditions. If traffic condition warnings reach classification 2 or 3, the meeting will be canceled. City Staff will notify the Commission and public if a meeting is canceled for such reasons. All Commission members agreed.

**Indiana State Historical Marker Program** - City Staff presented the program to the Commission. There are currently seven markers in Wayne County (listed on reverse side), but none are located within the City of Richmond.



*Oliver P. Morton Home  
Iron Brigade Commander  
East Germantown Civil War Band  
Overbeck House and Studio*

*Cambridge City  
Levi Coffin  
Indiana's First Woman's Rights Convention*

City Staff suggested the Commission lead an effort to apply for a Historical Marker for the City. By regulation, the proposed marker topic must be significant on a state or national level, date from at least 50 years in the past, and not include historic cemeteries, standing courthouses, standing libraries, historic districts, or bridges. Commission members will brainstorm possible sites for next meeting. City Staff recommended the Commission select multiple sites and make a 10-year plan, nominating one site per year.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Historic Richmond Today** – Michael tabled discussion of the WCTV Partnership, as Chera LaForge was absent.

**Endangered Properties List** - Members asked the letters to individual property owners be re-sent by City Staff. Michael also requested file be created to track progress on each property.

Lynn motioned for adjournment.  
Meeting adjourned at 6:10pm