

**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF RICHMOND, INDIANA**  
**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**  
**Monday, October 6, 2014**  
**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  , Jill Nelson  X , Rhonda Irvine  X , Michael Thuman,  X ,  
 , Sue Mathews  X , Sarah Mitchell, Staff  X .

Jill called the meeting to order at 5:31.

**BUSINESS**

**Approve Minutes** – The September minutes were reviewed. Michael Thuman Moved. Seconded by Ron Hughes to adopt the September minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**Welcome Rhonda Irvine** - Rhonda currently works at Wayne Bank and Trust Co. She loves historic homes and wishes to use her lending background in the preservation effort.

Commission also welcomed Sue Mathews, member and liaison for the Unsafe Building Commission (UBC). She believes both commissions work for the same cause: to preserve history and fight blight.

**Blight Elimination Program (BEP)** - Staff reported 7 properties in historic districts that are interested in participating in the second round of BEP. Staff showed photos of homes and asked members to research and consider the properties before the next meeting. At that time, Council will vote to allow each property to participate with BEP. Commission requested more information on each property, including (1) pictures of 4 sides of structure, roof, and interior, (2) status in the Interim Report, and (3) covenants. Commission also suggested inviting interested parties, including neighborhood associations and owners of potential BEP properties, to the November meeting. Michael Thuman expressed concern for the 9th St corridor and other locations where whole blocks could be demolished with BEP. Ron Hughes questioned if demolition would halt or delay if historical information was discovered about the structure. Staff answered no; all background research must be completed prior to the start of demolition. Jill Nelson stated if covenants exist on the properties, they cannot be demolished even if the Council approves them.

**Historic Richmond Today** – Jill proposed the Council not discuss the WCTV Partnership at this meeting, as Chera LaForge was absent.

**Endangered Properties list** – Council expressed interest in creating a uniform introductory letter for endangered properties. The letter would introduce Historical Preservation Commission, as well as provide information on financial resources and how to pursue single-site designation. Sarah will work on a draft and send to Council for comments next week.

Lynn Johnstone presented information on the Andrew F Scott House (126 N 10th St) which is up for short sale. It is currently owned by US Bank. Realtor Donna Spears has been working with an interested buyer since July 2013

Michael motioned for adjournment.  
Meeting adjourned at 6:17