

MINUTES
CITY OF RICHMOND, INDIANA
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Monday, September 8, 2014
Richmond Municipal Building
3rd Floor Council Chambers
5:30 P.M.

Attendance: Ron Hughes, ___, Lynn Johnstone X, Chera LaForge X, Beth Lunsford X, Jill Nelson X, Rhonda Irvine ___, Michael Thuman, X, Sarah Mitchell, Staff X.

Jill called the meeting to order at 5:30.

BUSINESS

Approve Minutes – The July minutes were reviewed. Michael Thuman Moved, Seconded by Chera LaForge to adopt the July minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Historic Richmond Today –Chera is encouraged with the series and wishes to have 3 tapings prepared for during the Spring Semester. The commission offered suggestions on material to cover. Topic ideas included: Box Gutter installation, Repainting Windows, Practical Winterization, How to open old windows, Depot District, Muncie’s Little Depot, several segments included in each taping with at least one focused on education. The Commission also suggested maybe using the segments as YouTube videos. Chera will work on recruiting interns to work on the tapings.

Townsend Community Center Conservation District Proposal –Tony Fits from Model Group brought forth a proposal for a new development to be located on the Townsend Center and former Nicholson School Site. The proposal title the Townsend Scholar House has a mission to transfer communities. The proposal will be applying for Rental Tax Credits in November and wishes to preserve the Townsend Center as part of their proposal. Michael questioned if a single site could be designated and Jill confirmed it could. He also clarified the historic preservation component and no changes could be made to the exterior of the building with Mr. Fits. Jill also noted it would have to remain a conservation district for 3 years before it could apply to the National Register. Lynn asked about the historic significance of the site and staff referenced document included in the packet regarding civil rights. Chera asked Mr. Fits about his experience with projects like this. He mentioned his over thirty years’ experience with these types of projects and gave specific examples of Over the Rhine, Louisville, Lexington, Covington, and an Anderson project with their former YMCA. Michael motioned to approve with a second from Lynn. The Commission unanimously passed.

Blight Elimination Program –Staff reported IHEDA will offer a second round of the BEP and the city does intend to apply. Jill asked for more advance notice that the first round and staff agreed.

Endangered Properties list – Jill will work on Linden Hill; Michael will work on Little Depot, 321 S 14th St and Paust; Lynn will work on J.F. Scott House; Beth will work on the Bradford Building; Chera will work on Hose House

Meeting for October was moved to October 6th @ 5:30 pm
Michael motioned for adjournment.

Meeting adjourned at 6:25