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| City of La Porte Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes |
| Tuesday, August 16, 2022 at 5:30 PM |
| City Hall, Council Chambers, 801 Michigan Avenue |

A meeting of the City of La Porte Historic Preservation Commission (“Commission”) was held at City Hall Council Chambers, 801 Michigan Avenue, La Porte, IN, 46350 on Tuesday, August 16, 2022 at 5:30 P.M. (“Local Time”), pursuant to notice duly given in accordance with the rules of the Commission and the Indiana Open Door Law.

This meeting was called to order at 5:33 PM by Dr. Anna Weissman, President.

Mayor Dermody thanked Mr. Robert Alt for his service to the City and explained to the board that he accepted Mr. Alt’s resignation from the Historic Preservation Commission. Mayor Dermody explained that the Historic Preservation Commission will focus on education and promotion of the great historic value. He also mentioned that it is great to see the board doing impactful things in the community and being courteous to everyone. There will be a new member replacement soon.

Anna made a motion to appoint Jo Happel to Vice President and the motion was seconded by Bruce Johnson. The motion passed (4-0).

The board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

On call of the roll, the members of the Commission were shown to be present or absent as follows:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Jo Happel, Dr. Anna Weissman, Ms. Cassie Holmquest, and Mr. Bruce Johnson.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ms. Kelsey Gushrowski and Ms. Barbara Krieg.

GUESTS PRESENT: Mr. David Heinold, Ms. Deb Parcell, Councilwoman Laura Konieczny, and Mr. Mark Kurth.

MINUTES: Jo Happel made a motion to **approve the July 19, 2022 regular meeting minutes** and the motion was seconded by Cassie Holmquest. The motion passed (4-0).

CLAIMS: Anna presented a claim for 350 thank you to our sponsors labels printed for the fall coloring book distribution in the amount of \$45 to Hawkins Print Shop. Bruce made a motion to **approve the claim in the amount \$45 to Hawkins Print Shop for printing 350 thank you to our sponsors labels** and the motion was seconded by Jo. The motion passed (4-0).

The board discussed printing more sponsor labels. Jo will confirm the number of sponsor labels that need to be printed.

HEARING OF VISITORS: None.

COA(s): None.

DEMOLITION REPORT: None.

LETTERS OF SUPPORT: To be determined.

TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. La Porte Historical Coloring Book Update – Bruce reported that 442 coloring books will be delivered to the public schools as well as St. John's. Bruce will provide an update to the board with the amount of coloring books delivered to St. John's. Bruce explained that the teacher packets will be delivered with the articles about the three cypress trees and the Pure Oil Gas Station building as well as word searches. There was additional discussion about the coloring book inventory. Anna mentioned that the coloring books will need to be sold at the same price and that she will setup a schedule to make the transition easier for the board with this project.
- B. Walking Tour with Library – Anna and Barbara will meet with Fonda Owens to discuss the Library's walking tour on September 15th at 4 pm and 6 pm. Anna mentioned that the deadline for reserving booth space at the Sunflower Fair is September 1st. The board expressed interest in having a booth. Anna will let the organizers know HPC would like a booth space. David will bring table, HPC has a table cloth, and Cassie has a tent canopy. The time of the event is 8 am to 4 pm. Bruce, Anna, and Cassie expressed interest in being at the booth. The board members could promote the upcoming workshop and have coloring books available.
- C. Indiana Landmarks Workshop – Anna explained that the date is confirmed for October 22nd. Deb mentioned that the Eventbrite registration page goes live on August 22nd. The board discussed marketing the event. Ideas included at the Sunflower Fair, Radio, Mayor, City Facebook, Water bill insert, HPC website, flyers for table, weekend entertainment guide, and LEAP. Deb will send registration information to HPC members.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Budget planning – David will send 2023 appropriation amount for what HPC will have available for the next year to plan expenditures. Anna encouraged board members to think about what the board wants to use the budget amount for next year.
- B. September HPC meeting change – The board discussed moving the next meeting to September 14th to allow for time to get a budget put together. Anna will send out a notice to board members with the meeting date change.

OTHER BUSINESS: David explained that the City will send two copies of the coloring book to Indiana Humanities along with submittal of the Final Grant Report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Bruce announced that the Harvest Festival will be held on September 10-11 in Door Village. Door Village is the 2nd oldest community in La Porte County.

There being no further business, Mr. Bruce Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Ms. Cassie Holmquest. The motion passed unanimously (4-0). The meeting adjourned at 6:18 PM.



Historic Preservation Commission President



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