



City of La Porte Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 17, 2023 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, October 17, 2023 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 5:30 PM by Sallie LaRocco, Chair.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sallie LaRocco, Fonda Owens, Cassandra Redeagle, Jeanne Rafaj, Maggie Caviston, and Bruce Johnson (Advisory Member)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jo Happel

GUESTS PRESENT: David Heinold, Laura Konieczny, Elizabeth LaRocco, and Mark Kurth

MINUTES: Jeanne Rafaj made a motion to **approve the September 26, 2023 meeting minutes** and the motion was seconded by Maggie Caviston. The motion passed 5-0.

CORRESPONDENCE REPORTS (CLAIMS, COAs, Demolition Reports):

- A. 1209 Michigan Avenue – Install 12 white aluminum storm windows over unprotected original windows (**HPC Review**)
Sallie explained the COA request to install 12 white aluminum storm windows over the unprotected original windows that was submitted by the owners at 1209 Michigan Avenue. There was discussion amongst the board about the staff report and recommendation for approval as submitted with the condition of final approval by staff when a specific storm window is chosen. Jeanne Rafaj made a motion to **approve 2023-COA-08 with a condition for staff concurrence approval on the final storm window type** and the motion was seconded by Maggie Caviston. The motion passed 5-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

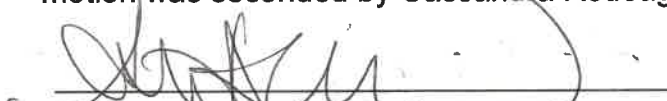
NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Homeowner Education Workshop #2 Planning – There was discussion about sharing the next homeowner education workshop on plaster repair happening Saturday, October 21st at the La Porte County Public Library. Maggie Caviston made a motion to **approve spending \$50 for snacks and water for the event** and the motion was seconded by Cassandra Redeagle. The motion passed 5-0.
- B. Student Led Project – Sallie mentioned that there was no update on this item.
- C. Plaques for Designated Properties – Jeanne passed out a report and plan for new plaques to give designated properties from her research on the Erie Landmark website. The plaque committee will look at how to implement a program for funding new signs for designated properties. Fonda will work with Courtney to find out what needs to be completed to establish a 50/50 plaque program. Maggie Caviston left the meeting at 5:55 pm. There was discussion about the old plaques and providing a plaque for 1226 Michigan Avenue and 602 E Street since they were designated, but do not currently have a plaque on the house. Jeanne Rafaj made a motion to **offer old plaques to 1226 Michigan Avenue and 602 E Street** and the motion was seconded by Cassandra Redeagle. The motion passed 4-0.

HEARING OF VISITORS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

There being no further discussion, Jeanne Rafaj made a motion to **adjourn the meeting** and the motion was seconded by Cassandra Redeagle. The meeting adjourned at 6:03 PM.



Historic Preservation Commission Chair



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