City of Evansville Historic Preservation Commission
2019 Annual Report

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Historic Preservation Commission Administration

Membership:

Evansville's Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) consists of seven members who are appointed by the Mayor. One member of the HPC is simultaneously a City Alderperson and the remaining six HPC members are volunteer citizen members.

Mission:

The HPC reviews proposed changes to existing historic buildings, additions of new buildings and signs in the Historic Districts, and issues Certificates of Appropriateness. The HPC also serves to inform and educate the residents on matters regarding preservation.

Goal:

The Evansville HPC strives to find reasonable solutions for the preservation of Evansville's historic properties, acting as a resource to homeowners in the districts. The HPC also protects Evansville's Historic Districts and other designated properties by administering Evansville's preservation ordinance, Chapter 62 if the Municipal Code.

<u>Annual Communications:</u>

The City typically mails an annual letter or other information to historic district property owners and owners of other designated historic properties. These communications remind owners of the significance of their properties. Letters describe the responsibilities of the property owner and the historic tax credit program when applicable. This Annual Report for 2019 is being sent to all property owners in the districts.

<u>Meetings:</u>

The HPC typically meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:00 pm in City Hall; 31 S. Madison Street, Evansville WI.

<u>Data:</u>

Number of City of Evansville Parcels: **Approximately 2,340**
Number of City of Evansville Historic Parcels (properties in Historic Districts and designated parcels outside of Historic Districts): **384**
Evansville has **3** Historic Districts listed on the National and State Registers of Historic Places. There are **351** contributing assets within those Historic Districts.
There are also **4** designated properties not within one of those four Historic Districts as well as **3** properties listed on the State and National Register.
An estimated **$295,000** was spent on improvements in the district this year.

Historic Preservation Commission Activity

Total number of projects reviewed (alterations, new construction, land divisions, and demolition): **71**
Number of Certificates of Appropriateness approving the proposal: **69**
Number of Certificates of Appropriateness not approving the proposal: **1**
Number of Certificates of Appropriateness tabled for further review: **1**
Approval Rate: **98.6%** *(this percentage does not include an application that was tabled for further review)*
Number of appeals of proposals not approved: **0**   (Results of appeals: **N/A**)

The HPC has provided the Community Development Director with the authority to provide administrative approval for certain types of work. The Community Development Director administratively approved **20** of the above certificates of appropriateness in 2019.

On occasion, approvals were given with specific conditions. Small modifications from the original applications were also allowed based on approval or recommendation from the Community Development Director and/or the HPC.

Advisory Recommendations to the Planning Commission: **3**

Advisory Recommendations to the Park Board: **1**

Historic Preservation Commission Project Highlight

Before Renovation, 2018

After Renovation, 2019

17 W Main completed a renovation this year. The owners updated the interior and exterior, uncovering original tile that would have been visible in 1910 when the building housed the Palace Meat Market. Using historic tax credits from the State of Wisconsin and Building Improvement Grant funds from the City, the owners restored the front façade to its appearance in the early 1900s. The new name reflects the use as a coworking space for entrepreneurs.

City of Evansville Historic Plaques, Districts and State Resources

LEGEND

- Lakes
- Rivers
- Historic Plaques
- Historic Districts
- State/Nat'l Register Listed Resources
- Streets
- Railroads
- Tax Parcels
- Municipal Boundary

Feet
0 150 300 600

Evansville Historic District

Grove Street Historic District

South First Street Residential Historic District

JC McKenna Middle School

Levi Leonard Elementary School

Theodore Robinson Intermediate School

JACKSON ST
FRANKLIN ST
S UNION ST
Exchange
E MAIN ST
East Main Street
ENTERPRISE ST
Enterprise Street
WATER ST
Water Street
CHERRY ST
Cherry Street
ALMERON ST
Almeron Street
E CHURCH ST
East Church Street
Maple Street
MAPLE ST
South Madison Street
S MADISON ST
SCHOOL ST
School Street
RAILROAD ST
MILL ST
N MADISON ST
PARK DR
INNES DR
LEONARD PARK RD
Leonard
UNION ST
Allen Creek
MONTGOMERY CT
N FAIR ST
North 1st Street
S FIRST ST
South 1st Street
HIGHLAND ST
Highland Street
GROVE ST
West Grove Street
North 2nd Street
N SECOND ST
W CHURCH ST
West Church Street
S SECOND ST
South 2nd Street
Garfield Avenue
West Main Street
LONGFIELD ST
Longfield Street
FAIR ST
West Fair Street
EAGER CT
Eager Court
N THIRD ST
North 3rd Street
GARFIELD AV
SHERMAN AV
Sherman Avenue
SHERMAN CT
West Liberty Street
W MAIN ST
COLLEGE DR
College Drive
S FOURTH ST
West Church Street
S THIRD ST
S THIRD ST
South 3rd Street
LINCOLN ST
Lincoln Street
South 4th Street
South 4th Street
BADGER DR
HIGGINS DR
Higgins Drive
FOWLER CIR
CLIFTON ST
Clifton Street
N FOURTH ST
North 4th Street
KINSEY CT
Crawford Street
W LIBERTY ST
LINCOLN CT
N FIFTH ST
N FIFTH ST
North 5th Street
MEADOW LA
Meadow Lane
Garfield Avenue
W CHURCH ST
W PRENTICE ST
Prentice Street
S PRENTICE ST
N PRENTICE ST
LIBERTY LA
S FIFTH ST
South 5th Street
N SOUTH FIFTH ST