

City of Evansville Historic Preservation Commission
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, March 22, 2017, 6:30 p.m.
City Hall (Third Floor), 31 South Madison Street

MINUTES

1. Call to Order, Chair Steve Culbertson at 6:30 pm

2. Roll Call:

Members	Present	Absent	Others Present
Chair Steve Culbertson	P		Community Development Dir. Jason Sergeant
Vice-chair Dan Stephans		A	Applicant, Chad Holpin
Secretary Betsy Ahner	P		
Ald. Gene Lewis	P		
Matt Koser	P		
Cheryl Doerfer	P		
Steve Christens		A	

3. Motion to approve the agenda: Motion by Koser, Seconded by Lewis. Approved Unanimously

4. Motion to waive the reading of the minutes from the February 15, 2017, meeting and approve them as printed by Koser, seconded by Doerfer. Approved unanimously.

5. Civility Reminder. Culbertson noted the City's commitment to civil discourse.

6. Citizen appearances other than agenda items listed. None.

7. Applications

- a.** 321 W. Liberty – Foundation Repair (Application HPC-2017-02). Applicant Chad Holpin reviewed the work to be done on the foundation of his home. He does not know yet if the chimney will need to be removed but if it does, he will not replace it. The siding goes behind the chimney so it is unlikely the chimney is original. Motion by Koser, seconded by Lewis to approve the application. Approved unanimously.

8. New Business

- a.** Update on WAHPC nominations – two were submitted but a short deadline did not allow time to develop as complete a nomination as he would have liked. Sergeant has not heard from WAHPC yet on the status of the nominations.
- b.** Guidelines for New Construction in a Historic District – Sergeant reviewed the document and the criteria in the ordinance. These guidelines will be given to developers and property owners who wish to construct new buildings in historic districts. Motion by Koser to approve the Guidelines, seconded by Culbertson. Approved Unanimously.

- c. Discussion regarding demolition criteria – Sergeant presented a memo outlining codes and policies governing demolition of buildings in a historic district. Commission members expressed their appreciation to Sergeant for his work in preparing the memo.

9. Old Business

- a. Lake Leota Park – fencing around the ball fields and a study of the pool have both been approved. Funding will be provided by a grant from the Antes Foundation.

10. Report of the Community Development Director.

- a. Staff Issued certificates of appropriateness – one has been approved for a carriage house roof at 228 W. Main.
- b. **Other updates.** 19 E. Main St. – preliminary designs have been developed and are being reviewed. The demolition did not go as planned. They were not able to save the foundation and a fire wall between the two buildings fell. Some bricks, limestone and other significant pieces of the building were saved.

11. Correspondence, Comments and Concerns – there is a possible pending request for a demolition that may be on the April agenda.

12. Motion to Adjourn at 7:15 pm. Motion by Ahner, seconded by Doerfer. Approved unanimously.

Next Meeting Dates: Wednesday 4/19/2017, and Wednesday 5/17/2017.