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**City of Evansville Historic Preservation Commission
Regular Meeting
Wednesday February 21, 2018 6:30 p.m.
City Hall (Third Floor), 31 South Madison Street**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order. Chair called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

2. Roll Call:

Members	Present/Absent	Others Present
Chair Dan Stephans	P	Applicants, Eloise Eager and Fred Juergens;
Vice-chair Steve Culbertson	P	Mayor Bill Hurtley, Roger Berg
Secretary Betsy Ahner	P	Sue McGuigan appearing for Katie McGuigan
Ald. Gene Lewis	P	
Matt Koser	P	
Cheryl Doerfer	P	
Steve Christens	A	

3. Motion to approve the agenda by Culbertson, Seconded by Koser. Approved unanimously.

4. Motion to waive the reading of the minutes from the January 17, 2018 meeting and approve them as printed by Koser, seconded by Culbertson. Approved unanimously.

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

6. Citizen appearances. Roger Berg appeared for informational purposes. He is in the process of purchasing two properties on Railroad St. with the intention of saving the buildings. In order to historically renovate the buildings he will need to apply for state and federal tax credits and requests the Commissions assistance in doing so. Members expressed their appreciation for the information and the project. Stephans suggested he contact Jen Davel at the State Historical Society. She is the person in charge of administering the historic tax credit programs for Wisconsin.

Sue McGuigan appeared for Katie McGuigan of 25th N. 2nd Street. She was approved for a new garage addition and the estimate came in double what she expected so she is looking for ways to cut the cost. Sue displayed samples of a new pressed wood product and a cement board and asked for advice on their use instead of cedar. The pressed wood had the smoothest graining and commission members suggested it would be more historically accurate as long as the size replicated the siding on the house.

7. Applications

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- A. 43 N. Second Street – replace foundation (Application HPC-2018-01).** Applicant Eloise Eager presented updated plans for the replacement of the foundation and changes to windows and porches that she would like to make. The floor elevation will not change and the concrete of the foundation will be a natural concrete color. **Motion to approve the application by Culbertson, seconded by Koser. Approved unanimously.**

8. New Business

- A. Recommendation for WAHPC Award Nominations.** **Motion to recommend nominating the new construction at 268 W. Liberty for its sensitive and well done infill in a historic district by Culbertson, second by Ahner. Approved unanimously.**

9. Old Business

- A. Continuation of discussion of protection of individual properties.** Nothing new to report.
- B. Lake Leota Park – Misc. Projects.** Stephans reported that the Grove Society continues its work on the Antes Cabin to present it as a 1930 tourist cabin. It has a new floor and a bid has been received for the replacement of the modern window on the west end with a more appropriate window, paint touch-up and hanging a better door. The Questers have offered to provide funding for the project.
- Fund raising is being done for the fascia on the Baker Building. The first contract was unacceptable so they are currently looking for a new sheet metal company to do the repair work.

10. Report of the Community Development Director. None

- A. Staff Issued certificates of appropriateness.** None
- B. Other updates.** None.

11. Correspondence, Comments and Concerns. Commission members are encouraged to attend National Preservation Institute 2018 Seminars.

12. Education and News - Wisconsin Landmarks Newsletter from WAHPC. The Newsletter was included in the meeting packet. Ahner asked if our membership in WAHPC was paid for 2018. In the event that it has not been paid, **Motion to authorize the payment for membership in WAHPC by Culbertson, second by Koser. Approved unanimously.**

Mayor Hurlley was welcomed to the meeting and thanked for attending. He thanked HPC members for serving on the Commission. He talked about the past use of the lake for skating and the warming house and voiced his support for exploring their use in the future. The Building Inspector has been making inspections of the community and as a result we should be seeing some applications for buildings in the historic district.

13. Motion to Adjourn at 7:40 pm by Culbertson, seconded by Doerfer. Approved unanimously.

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Next Meeting Dates: Wednesday 04/18/2018, Wednesday 05/16/2018, and Wednesday 06/20/2018