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**City of Evansville Historic Preservation Commission
Regular Meeting
Wednesday March 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, John and Sandy Decker
Vice-chair Steve Culbertson	P	Adam Sacker speaking for Kaitlyn McGuigan
Secretary Betsy Ahner	P	Elizabeth Mackie Suetmeier
Ald. Gene Lewis	P	Community Development Director, Jason Sergeant
Matt Koser	P	
Cheryl Doerfer	A	
Steve Christens	P	

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

4. Motion to waive the reading of the minutes from the February 21, 2018 meeting and approve them with the corrected date in item #4, by Koser, seconded by Christensen. *Approved unanimously.*

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

6. Citizen appearances. None

7. Applications

A. 25 N. Second Street – New garage addition/demolition (Application HPC-2018-02/ HPC-2018-03). Applicant Adam Sacker explained the siding on the new garage will be either cement board or a manufactured wood product, neither of which make siding with a 2.5 inch reveal which is on the house. The garage siding will have a 5 inch reveal. In order to duplicate the half-moon lap that is found on the peak of the house, cedar will have to be used. Stephans suggested the cement board is a much better product and will last longer. **Motion to approve application HPC-2018-02 by Culbertson, seconded by Koser. *Approved unanimously.***

Motion to approve application HPC-2018-02 for demolition of the existing garage structure by Koser, seconded by Stephans. *Approved unanimously.*

B. 24 E. Main Street – Exterior modifications (Application HPC-2018-04) Applicant John Decker explained they are in the process of purchasing the property from Walter

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Shannon and propose to use it as a retail and restaurant space. They will not alter the front façade but will add an upgraded fence and gate to lead to a side - at grade entrance. They will have outside seating and dining space and will do work to address a water drainage issue. John Gishnock of Formecology is doing the landscape design work for them. The challenge is getting water from the rear alley to the front drain. **Motion to approve application HPC-2018-04 with or without a vestibule by Koser, seconded by Christens. Approved unanimously.**

- C. 250 W. Main Street – Remodel rear porch (Application HPC-2018-05)** [secretary’s note: agenda incorrectly lists application as HPC-2018-04] Ms. Mackie-Suetmeier explained the porch is on a cement slab which has cracked and sunk causing damage to the porch. They would like to remove the jalousie windows, repair the structure, update to a rubber roof and convert it to a three season porch. Windows and doors are not yet purchased and they ask for guidance on their choices. Siding will be wood and windows will be wood or vinyl. Stephans asked that they use windows in proportion and rhythm to the rest of the house. **Motion to approve application HPC-2018-05 by Culbertson, seconded by Christens. Approved unanimously.**

8. New Business. None

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 he has photographed the duck house and is making contacts to explore its repair. Until then portions may fall and should be removed and stored. The state had voiced a preference for a rebuild and repair costing about \$16,000.

No update on the Antes Cabin.

Fund raising is being done for the fascia on the Baker Building. The metal must be removed and the building protected while the new piece is being fabricated.

The fireplace in the upper park needs repair and we have not been able to find a photo of the original work. Hoyt Park in Madison has a similar fireplace. Dan is looking for the name of the mason who did that repair and he will pass it on to Jason.

The lower diamond fencing along the outside will be replaced like for like. The scoreboard has never been finished or resolved.

10. Report of the Community Development Director.

A. Staff Issued certificates of appropriateness.

a. 119 Garfield approved new roof

b. 18 W. Main – sign change, will require a sign permit

B. Other updates.

a. Light refurbishing of the old jail is being done to convert the space to an office. A closed up window was found and opened up. The State approved the project in 3 days not the customary 30, which speaks well of our working relationship with them.

b. Photographing of the old U.S. Post office needs to be done by April 2 so that it can be demolished to make way for the library expansion.

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- c. There appears to be overwhelming support to demo the old school building on South First Street to allow rebuilding.

11. Correspondence, Comments and Concerns. None

12. Education and News. None

13. Motion to Adjourn at 7:24 pm by Culbertson, seconded by Christens. Approved unanimously.

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