

Town of Newburgh
Historic Preservation Commission
Minutes July 14, 2016

Members Present:

Jeff Cox, Jim Renne, Steven Shoemaker, David Wills, Brent Grafe

Administrative Present:

Stacie Krieger, Council Liaison Chris Wischer, Town Attorney; Tavi Wydicks, Zoning Administrator

Members Absent:

Chris Lunn, Troy Wells, Stewart Sebree

Citizens Present:

None

Reading, Correction and Approval of Previous Minutes:

Steve Shoemaker made a motion to approve the minutes.

Brent Grafe seconded and the motion carried.

REPORTS:

Town Council Liaison:

Little Brick House

Stacie Krieger deferred to Jim Renne. Mr. Renne gave a report of the status of the Little Brick House.

- Grant has been submitted to Vectern for \$8,000.00 to cover the utility cost as well as moving power lines.
- Summary of Proposal has been submitted to Indiana Historic Society for a grant of \$19,000.00. \$19,000.00 is the bid they have received for the foundation work at both sites.
- Fundraising efforts will take place to try to raise \$28,000.00
- They believe they are candidates for place base investment grant that opens in August
 - Gave specifics on what is needed for the grant
- Mr. Renne stated they asked Town Council to define what land they will be willing to donate for the Little Brick House and gave his opinion that the Old Lock & Dam Park would be the perfect location

Mr. Renne stated that what they would need from the HPC would be the COA. Chris Wischer stated that an application would need to be filled out.

2 Grey Street

Stacie Krieger stated that a raze order has been issued on 2 Grey Street. Mr. Wischer stated that Ms. Wydicks issued the raze order, the BZA held a hearing on the raze order and confirmed the raze order. Mr. Wischer gave the details of the hearing on the raze order.

Indiana Landmarks Southwest Field Office:

No Report

Staff:

COA Issued

Tavi Wydicks stated that she has only issued one (1) COA since last meeting and that was for the 101 State Street windows. Ms. Wydicks stated that the owner called and stated that the grid pattern on the bottom windows does not match the front, and that is not what HPC approved, so they will be fixing that and will be replacing them with what was approved at the meeting.

111 West Jennings

Aaron Jost has decided to replace the steps with concrete; he is just going to use the same material

Certified Local Government:

No Report

Unfinished Business:

Expanding the Historic District

Mr. Cox stated that he, Chris Wischer and Tavi Wydicks met last month to discuss expanding the historic district. Mr. Cox stated they discussed taking large chunks or doing scattered sites and their recommendation for the commission would be to expand in larger chunks to preserve more. Mr. Cox stated that if they expand in larger chunks, they will have more control over what can be done, even if the house is not historic, the look and the feel of what they can do can be controlled. Mr. Cox stated that if their objective is to maintain the historic nature of the community, taking a broader perspective would be better. Mr. Cox stated they could expand all at once but they also could break the process down into blocks, just in case there are people that try to hold up the process.

Chris Wischer stated that once the commission agrees and decides on boundaries of districts they would like to pursue, and a more formal map would be created with descriptions of the areas. Mr. Wischer stated that code allows them to designate historic homes and non-historic homes, and the non-historic homes have fewer restrictions. Once the map and the designations are done, HPC should take it in front of Council for feedback. Mr. Wischer suggested doing a Public Information Meeting to inform the residents of the historic district expansion. Mr. Wischer stated that he and Tavi Wydicks will be in charge of collecting the data.

Discussion was had about how to divide up the historic districts. A decision was made to take the map with the current historic district boundaries to the Town Council meeting on July 27, 2016. Tavi Wydicks will put the HPC Historic District Expansion on the Town Council agenda.

New Business:

None

Announcements:

None

Petitions and Comments from Citizens Present:


None

Adjourn:

David Wills made a motion to adjourn.

Steven Shoemaker seconded and the motion carried.

Next Meeting will be August 11, 2016 at 5:30 pm.


Chair


Recorder