Town of Newburgh Historic Preservation Commission Minutes November 10, 2016

Members Present:

Jim Renne, Steven Shoemaker, Jeff Cox, Troy Wells,

Members Arriving Late:

David Wills, Sue Morrison, Brent Grafe

Administrative Present:

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

Members Absent:

Chris Lunn

Citizens Present:

None

Reading, Correction and Approval of Previous Minutes:

Steve Shoemaker made a motion to approve the minutes from October 13, 2016 Troy Wells seconded and the motion carried.

REPORTS:

Town Council Liaison:

No Report

Stacie Krieger stated that she has had a few people come to her about the historic expansion, all positive, except for one. The one that was negative also did not attend the informational meeting and Ms. Krieger explained the expansion and she believes he was fine with the expansion after that.

Indiana Landmarks Southwest Field Office:

No Report

Staff:

Tavi Wydicks stated she has issued three (3) C.O.A's since the last meeting; one was a roof like for like, one was a sign for a new business above Flutter and Aaron Jost came in and got his permit today. Ms. Wydicks included the CLG Annual Report Findings in the Boards packet. Ms. Wydicks was contacted by Carol Hagedorn from the Economic Development Coalition in Evansville and Ms. Wydicks will be meeting with her to go over some grants and what is available. Ms. Wydicks stated that one of the questions asked at the informational meeting was if grants were available to homeowners. Ms. Wydicks stated that she was told there are no grant programs for homeowners but some of the grants are for commercial properties. They do administer a Residential Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit that is for owner occupied historic residences as opposed to rental properties. Ms. Wydicks will meet with Carol Hagedorn to go over all the information.

Certified Local Government:

No Report

Unfinished Business:

Expanding the Historic District

Mr. Cox stated that at this meeting tonight, he would like to get a schedule set on what needs to be done and when it needs to be done. Mr. Cox stated that before the board can vote, they will need to hold a public

meeting. Ideally, they could hold a public meeting and vote that same meeting. The vote would be a recommendation to the Council to expand the historic district as laid out in the map. The Board would then go to a Town Council meeting and make a formal recommendation to expand the historic district. Tavi Wydicks stated that the next HPC meeting would be December 8th and the Town Council meetings after that are December 14th and December 28th. Chris Wischer stated that the Board could vote on December 8th, it could be brought to the Town Council's attention at the December 14th meeting with the intent for them to vote on the expansion at the December 28th Town Council meeting. Mr. Wischer stated that it would be four (4) ordinances. Ms. Wydicks will send out notifications. A discussion was had on what the presentation would be for the public meeting, how to structure the public meeting and what information would need to be given to Town Council for a vote.

A discussion was had on if a current lot is considered historic after the expansion but then subdivided into two lots, is the second empty lot still considered historic. The lot will always be considered in the historic district but a decision would need to be made on any structures that were built.

New Business:

None

Announcements:

None

Petitions and Comments from Citizens Present:

None

Adjourn:

David Wills made a motion to adjourn.

Steve Shoemaker seconded and the motion carried.

Next Meeting will be December 8, 2016 at 5:45 pm.

Chair Chair

Recorder