Town of Newburgh Historic Preservation Commission Minutes August 10, 2017

Members Present:

Jim Renne, Steven Shoemaker, David Wills, Brent Grafe

Administrative Present:

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

Advisory Present:

None

Members & Administrative Absent:

Jeff Cox, Troy Wells

Citizens Present:

Nate Mominee, Mominee Homes Laura Ellsworth, 125 W. Jennings Street Randee Bugher, 24 W. Jennings Street

New Business:

Amended Petition for COA - 125 W. Jennings Street

Tavi Wydicks stated that is an amended petition that they have already approved the garage and the owners now want to attach the house and the garage with an addition.

It was noted that the addition is not in a predominantly visible location and the materials will be similar to the ones that have already been approved. Siding, roof materials and windows will all be the same as approved for the garage. The sewer and water line will be extended and there will be a crawl space on the new addition.

David Wills made a motion to approve the amended petition for COA for 125 W. Jennings Street. Steve Shoemaker seconded. No discussion. Motion was approved.

Reading, Correction and Approval of Previous Minutes:

Steve Shoemaker made a motion to accept the minutes. David Wills seconded. No discussion. Motion was approved.

REPORTS:

Town Council Liaison:

No Report

Indiana Landmarks Southwest Field Office:

No Report

Staff:

Tavi Wydicks stated that she has not issued a COA since the last meeting.

Ms. Wydicks showed the Commission the draft of the order form for the Historic Preservation District designated site plaques. A mass mailing will be sent to all of the houses that have a historic rating. Suggestions, additions and edits were made to the form.

Certified Local Government:

No Report

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business Continued:

Discussion – Follow Up on Historic Homes to Monitor

My Wydicks stated that at this time every property that they wanted to have an inspection on has been inspected. David Hynes is working on inspection reports for the properties and Ms. Wydicks has either talked to all the owners or relatives of the property owners. Ms. Wydicks discussed the home concerns with the Commission.

Chris Wischer stated that once we get the reports back from David Hynes, the reports will need to be gone over with the owners of the property and give them some time to come up with a plan. If there is no cooperation, an order (repair or raze) can be issued. Ms. Wydicks asked Mr. Wischer what steps can be taken if it is just cosmetic. Mr. Wischer stated that there are avenues they can go down but it is a little harder.

A continued discussion was had about the current properties on the list and properties that need to be added to the list.

Announcements:

Jim Renne stated that the grant application for the Little Brick House was not successful. The project will cost about eighty two thousand dollars (\$82,000.00) and they have about fifty two thousand (\$52,000.00) on hand. Some of the money they have on hand is grant money that needs to be used by the end of this year (2017). A discussion was had about the property and what can be done to protect the Little Brick House.

Anne Rust Aurand stated that the Town Council Nominating Committee has nominated Randee Bugher for the vacant spot on HPC. Randee lives across the street from Town Hall and asked to come to a meeting before accepting the nomination. A discussion was had between the Committee and Mrs. Bugher.

Recorder

Petitions and Comments from Citizens Present:

None

Adjourn:

Jim Renne made a motion to adjourn.

David Wills seconded and the motion carried.

Next Meeting will be September 14, 2017 at 5:45 pm.