

# CARMEL HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

CAUCUS ROOM, CARMEL CITY HALL

1 CIVIC SQUARE, CARMEL, IN

July 13, 2023 – 6:00 P.M.

## Minutes

### **1. Call to Order**

Nick Davis called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

### **2. Roll Call**

Commissioners Present: Nick Davis, Fred Swift, Rosemary Dunkle, Nick Kestner,

Jess Lawhead, + one vacancy

Commissioners Not Present: Bill Sanders

Staff: Mark Dollase, Alex Brooks

Guests:

### **3. Approval of Minutes (5/11/2023)**

Fred motioned to approve the May minutes. Rosemary seconded. Motion approved 5-0.

### **4. Hearing of Visitors**

None

### **5. Certificate of Appropriateness Review**

None

### **6. Report on Staff Approvals**

None

### **7. Financial Report**

a. Budget update

Alex said the budget remains \$84,402.25.

## **8. Old Business**

### **a. Update on Designation of Caperton House Historic District**

Mark said Landmarks staff are not finished with the report but are working on a draft.

### **b. Wilkinson House Report**

Mark said staff changes at Landmarks have delayed some of the progress on the house, but that discussions with van Rooy Construction about the property are ongoing. He added that he has had funds for the project since December 2018 but would likely need to request more to refurbish the home in lieu of a buyer willing to purchase it in its current condition. Mark mentioned that Nick had sent him a photo of a giant pile of topsoil on the property on what was supposed to remain green space. EPCON said the pile will remain there permanently and that this decision did not require city permission. Mark said he might talk to Mike Hollibaugh about the issue. He also noted the extensive exterior and interior work that needs to be done.

### **c. Mattsville historic marker application**

Mark said the historical marker application was submitted by Jeff Goens, who had previously attempted to do so in 2021. Goens' request was now \$2,450 as was approved in July 2021. Jess asked if there was any additional designation from this outside of the sign, which Mark said there was not. Fred said an issue was raised at the Historical Society meeting if other former communities would also pursue historic markers. Both Mark and Fred mentioned Homeplace as a potential candidate for such a process. Jess motioned to pay up to \$2,800 for Goens, seconded by Fred. Motion passed 5-0.

## **9. New Business**

### **a. Endangered Property/Site Visit—3000 W. 131st St (Goold House)**

Mark said Molina Properties asked him about a home they own, the Goold House. They said they have partners who wanted to demolish the property and build a subdivision, but Mark recommended otherwise. Mark mentioned a compromise option might be designating the home as greenspace and developing the rest of the property, including where the barn currently sits. Fred asked if there was any historical significance of the home. Mark said there was architectural significance but was not sure about historical significance. He added that there have yet to be any firm plans laid out by Molina Properties. The Commission said further research would be done, including perhaps from Andy Wright.

### **b. Summer Façade Grant Funding**

Rosemary moved to approve the second round of façade grants, seconded by Fred. Motion passed 5-0.

### **c. Ruskin Arc going out of business—new platform?**

Mark said he heard from Glen Payne, who runs RuskinArc, that the platform is going out of business on December 31. He mentioned that he is still exploring different options, but wondered if the City of Carmel itself could have a database on its website.

d. Commission Vacancy

Mark said he still has not received an answer regarding this vacancy. Fred said he talked to Ron Carter, a former Commission member, who said he would be willing to serve again. Mark agreed with Fred that it would be best to have an appointee by January 1.

**10. Other Business**

a. Monon Depot de-listed from National Register by NPS

Mark said the Monon Depot had been de-listed. Rosemary asked why, and Mark said it was perhaps because of the relocation process the building had gone through.

**11. Announcements**

Fred asked about a home on 99<sup>th</sup> St. and wanted to know if it was on the Survey. Alex confirmed that the home, 2514 E 99<sup>th</sup> St, was on the Survey.

**12. Adjournment**

Nick D. moved to adjourn the meeting. Nick K. seconded. Motion passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:08 P.M.



Nick Davis, Chairperson,  
Carmel Historic Preservation  
Commission



Alex Brooks, Recording Secretary