

CARMEL HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

CAUCUS ROOM, CARMEL CITY HALL

1 CIVIC SQUARE, CARMEL, IN

December 7, 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, Rosemary Dunkle, Bill Sanders, Fred Swift, Nick Kestner, + one vacancy

Commissioners Not Present: Jess Lawhead

Staff: Mark Dollase, Alex Brooks, Calvin Nguyen

Guests:

3. Approval of Minutes (10/12/2023)

Nick K. motioned to approve the October minutes. Rosemary seconded. Motion approved 4-0.

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 current budget is \$63,921.22, with a non-reverting fund of 336,427.25. The 2024 non-reverting fund will be \$400,348.47.

8. Old Business

a. Designation of Caperton House Historic District Process

Mark said he went to the November City Council meeting and presented the Commission's recommendation for the house's protection. However, he received numerous questions about the designation from council members pertaining to the owner's involvement. Despite assuaging such concerns, the ordinance was sent to the Land Use Committee for further discussion, which had not happened in the past during other designation efforts. Mark said he will attend the Land Use Committee on Monday and has communicated with Councilor Aasen about the process. Aasen was optimistic about the ordinance's approval in the committee.

b. Ruskin Arc replacement platform/ArcGIS

Calvin presented his current update on the Carmel Historic Property Survey's ArcGIS site. He said there is now no cost for licensing thanks to Indiana Landmarks entering an agreement with the City, with ArcGIS now falling under the City's preexisting license. The commission discussed the potential for adding more demolished properties to the site.

c. Wilkinson House report

Mark said the Indiana Landmarks board has approved an additional \$50,000 for the home's repairs. He has toured the home with multiple interested parties, but both ended up falling through.

9. New Business

a. Designation Request for 14420 Cherry Tree Road

Mark said the homeowner, Ro Pettiner, expressed interest in a designation for her property. He and Alex are awaiting her signed designation document.

b. Renewal of Indiana Landmarks contract--\$10,000

Mark presented the contract to the commission for the new year. Fred moved to renew Landmarks' contract for \$10,000, seconded by Nick K. Motion passed 5-0.

10. Other Business

11. Announcements

12. Adjournment

Bill moved to adjourn the meeting. Fred seconded. Motion passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:47 P.M.

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Nick Davis, Chairperson,
Carmel Historic Preservation
Commission

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Alex Brooks, Recording Secretary