

CARMEL HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

COUNCIL ROOM, CARMEL CITY HALL

1 CIVIC SQUARE, CARMEL, IN

September 12, 2024 – 6:00 P.M.

Minutes

1. Call to Order

Jess Lawhead called the meeting to order at 6:01 P.M.

2. Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Fred Swift, Nick Kestner, Jess Lawhead, Rosemary Dunkle, Barry Simich, Emily Ehrgott, Bill Sanders

Commissioners Not Present:

Staff: Mark Dollase, Alex Brooks

Guests: Becky Feigh, Rick Feigh, Henry Mestetsky

3. Approval of Minutes (8/8/2024)

Fred motioned to approve the August minutes. Barry seconded. Motion approved 7-0.

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 \$80,000 with a non-reverting fund of \$361,955.41.

8. Old Business

a. Wilkinson House

Mark said that on September 3, Indiana Landmarks closed the sale of the Wilkinson House to the Ubers and are now working on utilities. He said he hoped to have a Preservation Plan for the house submitted to the Commission by the end of the year.

b. Applegate-Johnson Farmstead

Mark announced that the Applegate-Johnson Farmstead has been added to the National Register of Historic Places.

c. 10750 Hazel Dell Parkway

Mark said he met with the Parks Director for the City of Carmel about moving the home to another part of the existing property or to another city park. He learned that the parks department had no current use for it but learned that options to move it to a nearby property are still occurring soon.

9. New Business

a. Fall Façade Grant Applications

18 Thornhurst Dr.

Staff ranked the project 46/60 and recommended a grant of up to \$2,714.51.

Bill motioned to approve the staff recommendation; Fred seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

1201 E 106th St.

Staff ranked the project 47/60 and recommended a grant of up to \$6,850.00.

Rosemary motioned to approve staff recommendation. Bill seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

35 Circle Dr.

Staff ranked the project 39/60 and recommended a grant of \$1,872.00. Alex said the original score would have been higher if not for technical difficulties which led to a delay in the photos being received.

Barry motioned to approve staff recommendation, seconded by Bill. Motion passed 7-0.

11607 Eden Glen Drive

Staff ranked the project 28/60 and recommended a grant range of \$0-3,563.49.

Rosemary motioned to award \$0. Bill seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

2724 E. Smoky Row

Staff ranked the project 48/60 and recommended a grant of up to \$10,000.00.

Rosemary motioned to accept staff recommendation. Bill seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

Total amount granted was \$21,436.51.

b. 1201 E 106th St. National Register Grant Application- \$964

Mark introduced the project for \$960. Fred motioned, seconded by Barry. Motion passed 7-0.

c. Demolition Delay Request—311 W. Main St., 321 W. Main St., 331 W. Main St.

Henry gave a presentation of the homes being presented for potential demolition. Barry expressed special concern about the potential demolition of 331 W. Main St. given its historic character and relatively solid condition. Fred expressed hope that this home could be moved, but Henry said he did not know of any immediate options to do so. Barry asked if any consideration had been given to incorporate 331 W. Main St into the new structure, which Henry said there had not been. Henry said he did not feel these homes matched the current Arts and Design District. Emily asked if the Redevelopment Commission had ever considered saving a historic building, Henry said they had tried to keep the historic character of Carmel in many of their designs. Mark noted that these buildings could certainly be rehabilitated but are out of character with the changes in the surrounding district. Barry expressed hope that the home at 331 W. Main St could potentially be moved. Rosemary asked if there was a viable location to move it, and Fred said he thought the Redevelopment Commission bore some responsibility for finding a location. Mark gave his official staff report detailing the homes in question and ultimately supporting allowing the decision to demolish the homes. Barry motioned to explore options to move the home at 331 W Main St. for 60 days while the building is placed under interim protection, seconded by Emily. Motion passed 6-1.

10. Other Business

11. Announcements

12. Adjournment

Jess moved to adjourn the meeting. Rosemary seconded. Motion passed 7-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:18 P.M.



Jess Lawhead, Chairperson,



Alex Brooks, Recording Secretary

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