

CARMEL HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

COUNCIL ROOM, CARMEL CITY HALL

1 CIVIC SQUARE, CARMEL, IN

June 12, 2025 – 6:00 P.M.

Minutes

1. Call to Order

Emily Ehrgott called the meeting to order at 6:04 P.M.

2. Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Nick Kestner, Barry Simich, Emily Ehrgott, Fred Swift, Kelly Baskett, Matt Uber

Commissioners Not Present: Bill Sanders

Staff: Mark Dollase, Alex Brooks

Guests: Matt Markway

3. Approval of Minutes (5/8/2025)

Barry motioned to approve the May minutes, with the slight correction in adding a seconding for the façade grant motion, Fred seconded. Motion approved 6-0.

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 \$58,715.00 with a non-reverting fund of \$238,434.64.

8. Old Business

a. New Survey properties

Kelly said she should have the quote for obtaining the addresses for the 2021 Survey additions by next week.

b. Wise House update

Mark said an agreement still has not been reached between Tom Crowley and Martin Marrieta, but was told an agreement should likely be reached soon.

c. Blue School update

Mark said he has not heard anything regarding the property since the last commission meeting, other than some tree removal. Emily said she had driven past the building and no longer saw the heavy equipment, likely meaning the tree removal was completed.

d. 10330 N. Meridian St. update

Mark said he had talked with the group that now owns the building and that they said they might not in fact paint the building, despite previous interest in doing so. He also mentioned to them the potential of designating the building on the National Register, which could give them access to historic tax credits. Also, Mark said he contacted Paul Diebold with the Indiana Historic Preservation & Archaeology who said he could consider a Determination of Eligibility for the building.

9. New Business

a. Demo delay—441 W. Main St.

Mark mentioned the building is in the Johnson Addition neighborhood, and that the surrounding buildings are smaller than the proposed new building at this address would be. He said the building, a Ranch style building from the early 1950s, is currently in good condition. Matt Markway gave an overview of his business, which focuses on both historic renovations and new builds. Fred asked if there was a possibility of moving the home. Matt Markway said his business had done home moves in the past but had not recently. Kelly noted the legal requirement of a sign being posted for anyone potentially interested in moving the house, which had not yet been done at this address. Matt Uber asked for a clarification about the commission's role in the demolition delay process, which Mark elucidated. Kelly asked if there could be more greenspace in the new proposal for the property, which Matt Markway said was obscured by the view of the home in the plans. Fred recommended moving the home to a nearby vacant lot, and Matt Markway reiterated that his company had not done many home moves in recent years due to rising costs. Matt Markway said he was willing to speak with the owner about lowering the height of the proposed new home. Fred motioned to table the motion until the July meeting and await changes on behalf of the applicant, seconded by Barry. Motion passed 6-0.

b. Façade grant website update

Alex mentioned Indiana Landmarks' work on putting historic survey addresses' past façade grants and the work they did on the survey website. Mark thought it would show how the Commission has been a steward of taxpayer money.

c. Façade grant fall round—\$35,000

Mark requested \$35,000 for the fall façade grant round, to give homeowners more time to acquire bids for potential projects. Matt made a motion allocating \$35,000 for the fall façade grant round, seconded by Fred. Motion passed 6-0.

10. Other Business

Mark said he has still not heard when the city council will vote on the ordinances for 2724 E Smoky Row and 14420 Cherry Tree Rd.

Mark said former Commission Chairmain Jess Lawhead sold his historic on River Rd to the Carmel Clay Parks Department.

Matt Uber asked if there was a way to better ensure that the potential relocation signs were placed on demolition delay properties. Mark said past oversights might be due to a lack of familiarity with the process with applicants, but he said it might need to be reiterated to the Permits Department.

11. Announcements

12. Adjournment

Emily made motion to adjourn, seconded by Fred. Motion passed 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:11 P.M.



Emily Ehrigott, Chairperson,
Carmel Historic Preservation
Commission



Alex Brooks, Recording Secretary