

CARMEL HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

COUNCIL ROOM, CARMEL CITY HALL

1 CIVIC SQUARE, CARMEL, IN

September 11, 2025 – 6:00 P.M.

Minutes

1. Call to Order

Emily Ehrgott called the meeting to order at 6:02 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: Nancy Werner, Clay Simms, Chris Reasor, Kevin Rider, Christine Altman

3. Approval of Minutes (8/14/2025)

Matt motioned to approve the August minutes. Barry 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

Mark said the current budget is \$50,531.68 with a non-reverting fund of \$238,434.64.

8. Old Business

a. Wise House update

Emily confirmed the home is still standing and Mark said there is still not a signed agreement between the two parties. Fred said he had heard Martin Marrietta wants to begin mining by September 15.

b. 3848 E 106th St (Blue School) update

Mark said it was a good sign that a representative of the church came to the meeting last month. Emily added that Andy Wright posted an article about the property on the Carmel Clay Historical Society Facebook page recently and hoped that it could raise more awareness of the building's history.

c. New Survey properties

Alex said he acquired more envelopes for the eventual mass mailing to the new survey property homeowners and hopes to get those out by the end of the year. Emily asked to confirm that these new houses would ultimately be eligible for the façade grant program, which Mark confirmed.

d. Façade grant website update

Alex said he is working to acquire the façade grant information for the website in light of his colleague who handled ArcGIS leaving Indiana Landmarks.

e. N. Rangeline Rd. designation

Alex explained the research he has done on the district, and then he and Mark explained what a historic district or a conservation district entails. Nick noted that there are some stipulations on this district currently. Barry asked if the ratio of residential to commercial would affect the work being done, and Mark said it could but did not think it should affect any designation, because the buildings were still designed as residential, even if later used for other things. Matt asked if some portions of Main Street southeast of this district could be included. Mark said they could but that has not been the area they have initially been tasked with designating.

9. New Business

a. Fall façade Grant Applications

11625 Towne Rd.

Application was for restoring 21 windows, three exterior doors, and 5 exterior transoms.

Staff ranked the project 46/60 and recommended a grant of up to \$7,000.

10640 Lexington Dr.

Application was for repairing/replacing the back porch.

Staff ranked the project 37/60 and recommended a grant of up to \$5,000 (contingent on use of wood).

1215 E 106th St.

Application was for replacing the garage/carriage house doors.

Staff ranked the project 42/60 and recommended a grant of \$5,000.

40 E Main St.

Application was for staining the front door and painting the metal railings.

Staff ranked the project 48/60 and recommended a grant of \$5,000.

1905 Hamilton Ln.

Application was for replacing tempered glass.

Staff ranked the project 43/60 and recommended a grant of \$1,500.

424 E 106th St.

Application was for replacing the garage doors.

Staff ranked the project 43/60 and recommended a grant of up to \$5,000

9680 Haverstick Rd.

Application was for painting the exterior of the home.

Staff ranked the project 52/60 and recommended a grant of up to \$2,500.

310 N Rangeline Rd.

Application was for restoring stained glass.

Staff ranked the project 47/60 and recommended a grant of \$3,500.

Total amount granted was \$34,500.00.

Barry motioned to approve the staff recommended funds, seconded by Matt. Motion passed 6-0.

10. Other Business

Mark informed the commission the sometime in October, the City Council will vote on the ordinances for the Wilkinson House and the Ro Pettiner House.

Mark shared an encouraging conversation he had with someone in Carmel that spurred their interest in preserving a building despite their initial skepticism.

Kelly asked if the commission was involved in establishing plaques, and Mark said this commission does not currently but that it could.

11. Announcements

12. Adjournment

Emily made motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:11 P.M.



Emily Ehrgott, Chairperson,
Carmel Historic Preservation
Commission



Alex Brooks, Recording Secretary