

CARMEL HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
DECEMBER 12, 2019, 6:00 P.M.
CAUCUS ROOM, CARMEL CITY HALL

Minutes

In Attendance:

Members Present: Nick Davis, Rosemary Dunkle, Sue Maki, Curtis Butcher, Fred Swift

Members Not Present: Ron Carter, Bill Sanders

HPC Administrator: Mark Dollase, Joshua Biggs

Guests: None

1. Call to Order

Nick called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.

2. Roll Call

Nick Davis, Rosemary Dunkle, Sue Maki, Curtis Butcher, Fred Swift

3. Approval of Minutes (11/14/19)

Sue motioned to approve the minutes, and Fred seconded. Motion approved 5-0.

4. Hearing of Visitors

None

5. Certificates of Appropriateness

None

6. Financial Report

a. Update on 2019 budget

Mark discussed that staff met with Jess Lawhead at 11805 River Road, a 2017 façade grant recipient, and has been reimbursed. He also mentioned that the Fruchtes at 9610 Deerfield Mall, have not been reimbursed yet. Josh mentioned that Gail Gentry at 308 Woodland Lane has purportedly completed her façade grant work but has not been reimbursed yet because we have not received completed invoices.

There was also discussion that the non-reverting fund for 2020 is going to a city council vote and will hopefully be approved soon.

Josh mentioned that he met with Lisa Motz this week to review the 2019 budget, and to ensure that it was accurate, leading into 2020. Lisa provided copies of the updated budget for the commission to review.

Mark mentioned staff needed to follow up with Richard Jordan at 1030 E. 106th Street to see if he will be using wood materials as part of his porch reconstruction project. His proposal called for using vinyl materials but was approved with wood. Josh mentioned he would follow up with Mr. Jordan.

Nick made mention of the 2020 budget and suggested commission members/staff find ways to use the allotted funds. Mark mentioned that a large sum of the budget will be used for the 2020 historic architecture survey rebid, and that perhaps some additional funds from the budget can be used for property owners along North Rangeline Road. Josh suggested that perhaps some funds can be used to rehabilitate or stabilize the Wilkinson-Hull House.

Mark suggested that a motion be made to approve the 2019 budget. Nick proposed the motion. Sue motioned, and Curtis seconded. Motion approved 5-0.

To conclude the budget portion of the meeting, Mark noted that Zelma Taylor at 9680 Haverstick Road has recently completed her shutter reconstruction project for the façade grant project. He mentioned that he and Josh met with Ms. Taylor recently about potentially locally designating or placing a preservation easement on the property. Josh mentioned that 9680 Haverstick was rated “noncontributing” in the 2014 Historic Architecture Survey, and that he would inform the surveyors to take a second look at the property.

7. Old Business

a. North Rangeline Road designation discussion

On 12/12, prior to the CHPC meeting, Nick, Sue, Curtis, Mark, and Josh met to discuss preservation strategies and hopeful local designation along North Rangeline Road from Main Street to Smokey Row Road. It was mentioned that there is a meeting scheduled with Mayor Brainard next month to discuss. The meeting with Mayor Brainard will be held at City Hall, 1/17 at 10am.

In addition to Rangeline Road, Fred said the parallel streets surrounding Rangeline also deserve local protection similar to Indianapolis’ Old North Side and suggested that we might want to cast a wider net.

b. Survey update

Fred mentioned that the Fairbanks Home that he proposed for the survey rebid at the last meeting has been demolished.

Mark said the deadline to submit proposals is Tuesday, December 30th and that Josh will review the proposals, with the hope in having them reviewed by the January 9th CHPC meeting. The review will include a summary sheet and staff recommendation for the CHPC to review.

c. 1710 W Main St

Josh and Sue met with the owner of a log cabin which was purportedly reconstructed in the 1940s using logs from an older cabin believed to have been constructed in the 1800s. The barn and the main house (also constructed in the 1940s) were not included on the most recent historic architecture survey, but Josh mentioned he would inform the surveyors about the property.

Nick asked how you “date” a log cabin, to which Mark replied – dendroarchaeology.

8. New Business

Mark mentioned that May is Preservation Month, and that he and Josh have been thinking of ways to engage in community outreach, making it both fun and educational. He suggested that the commission members start thinking about potential ideas. Fred mentioned that the Carmel-Clay Historical Society has a walking tour online. Curtis mentioned that we may want to post informational videos online for the public to view. It was mentioned that we will have funds available to do that. Sue mentioned that we might want to include a snapshot of Carmel’s historic buildings, and Rosemary suggested we inform the public about Carmel’s façade grant program. Josh suggested that the CHPC create an Instagram account to showcase Carmel’s historic buildings. Josh will follow up with Nancy Heck from the city for necessary approval.

9. Other Business

There was discussion on the mayoral appointment to replace Ron Carter (who penned his retirement from the CHPC, effective 12/31/19), to reappoint Fred Swift, who expressed interest in being reappointed, and what the timeline would be. Mark expressed that he emailed Mayor Brainard and expressed that we needed to find someone from the city council to replace Mr. Carter’s seat.

10. Announcements

None

11. Adjournment

Nick adjourned the meeting at 6:52pm.



Nick Davis, Carmel Historic Preservation
Commission Chairperson



Recording Secretary Joshua Biggs