

August 3, 2010

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
City of Mishawaka, Indiana**

A regular meeting of the Mishawaka Historic Preservation Commission was held Tuesday, August 3, 2010 at 4:00 PM in Room 106 at City Hall, 600 East Third Street. Commission members attending: Dick Barnette, John Gleissner, Mike Bultinck, David Schmidt, David Vollrath, Dave Eisen Tony Obringer and Cliff Zenor. Absent: Cynthia Harington and Judy Gray. Advisory member attending: Dr. Bill Gering. Also attending: Peg Strantz, Planning Department

MINUTES:

The June 1, 2010 meeting minutes were approved as circulated.

COMMISSION MEMBER CHANGES:

Chairman Gleissner welcomed Cliff Zenor saying as of last night's council meeting he is officially a voting member of the Historic Preservation Commission. He noted that nice things were said about Cliff at the Council meeting last night and the vote was unanimous.

Chairman Gleissner complimented Cynthia Harington as being a very active voting member but will now be an Advisory member.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Local Landmarks - Nothing to report.

Public Relations and Community Education

House Tour

Cliff Zenor said he spoke with several people in the City Engineer's office. He said the corner of Lincolnway East and Capital is under construction due to the house demolitions, tree removals and intersection widening. He said he was concerned about what will be happening there next spring. He said he spoke with Gary West and he said right now the sewer department is digging and laying new lines and then after that there will be corner widening and repair and there could be heavy equipment to dust and dirt there next May. He said to make the tour success and safe May is a big question mark. He asked if the Commission should postpone the event for a year.

After discussing, the Commission determined it would be best to postpone the house tour event for a year.

Local Church History

The Commission discussed the possibility of a third church tour. Mike Bultinck said he'd heard that someone is organizing a video of Mishawaka churches similar to the one that was done of Mishawaka High School. Dave Eisen said Ed Chamberlain is just now researching at the library the first ten churches founded. Tony Obringer noted that the last time the Commission held the church tours we had no visitors at any of the visitors. Chairman Gleissner said one year we had sixteen or so visitors and one year we had none. Dave Eisen suggested arranging a public screening of Ed's film and get people from those churches there and they could get a taste of the history and said we should check with Ed to see if he is receptive. Chairman Gleissner suggested that Bethel College would be an ideal place. Dave Schmitt stated that the Bethel auditorium seats about 950, is used probably 80% of the nights of the year, and if it works out there is lots of parking and a little area for a reception. Dave Eisen also suggested maybe we could get some of the senior members of the congregations to get up and talk about their early memories. Chairman Gleissner said to carry this idea on for future meeting discussions.

HPC 1st Annual Awards

Cliff Zenor said everyone who the Commission nominated has accepted to receive the award. He said Peg found some really nice frames, we'll print them out on parchment, have the city seal on each, and then we'll get the signatures of the Mayor and John. The awards will be as follows: Mayor's Award goes to Dr. William Gering; Award for Preservation goes to Bob and Sandra Martin for the Merrifield Cass House at 816 Lincolnway East; Award for Restoration goes to Meijer Inc.; Award for Adaptive Reuse goes to McCarthy Insurance for the Schellinger-Kamm House at 802 Lincolnway West; Award for Service to Paul Hayden with Indiana Landmarks Inc.; and two Heritage Home Awards going to Sarah Joswick for her vintage house at 321 N. Cedar and to Susan Godair for her vintage house at 403 N. Cedar. It was suggested that the list of awards be added to the City's website.

The next Council meeting to present the awards would be Tuesday, September 7th. Chairman Gleissner thanked Cliff for all his work on the awards.

OLD BUSINESS:

Calendars No update

Furniture Store (High School) Floor

Cliff Zenor said we are still waiting on the asbestos removal.

NEW BUSINESS: None

Dave Vollrath moved to adjourn; seconded by Mike Bultinck; unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT: 4:38 PM

Peg Strantz, Associate Planner

John Gleissner, Chairman
Mishawaka Historic Preservation Commission