

JULY 3, 2012

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

The Mishawaka Historic Preservation Commission meeting was held Tuesday, July 3, 2012 at 4:00 PM in Room 205, City Hall. Commission members attending: Dick Barnette, Dave Eisen, Judy Gray, Tony Obringer and Cliff Zenor. Absent: Mike Bultinck, John Gleissner, Marsha McClure and Dave Vollrath. Staff attending: Peg Strantz, Associate Planner.

MINUTES:

The May 1st meeting minutes were approved as circulated.

NEW BUSINESS:

LINCOLN HIGHWAY CENTENNIAL 2013 CENTENNIAL EVENTS

Cliff attended the organizational meeting for the centennial of the Lincoln Highway in 2013. The Lincoln Highway was America's first transcontinental highway, conceived in 1913 specifically with the car in mind. A state wide commission will formed and people will be appointed from our county. There will be events all along the highway in 2013.

CLG CREDITED PRESENTATION

Todd Zeiger will present a program titled 9 Nuggets for the Historic Preservation Commission which would qualify as an educational event in September or October.

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILMAN MEETING HIGHLIGHTING PRESERVATION

Cliff Zenor noted that at the Awards Ceremony Greg Kuharic had commented he would love to have people over such as all the award winner and people who are interested in preservation over to his house. All the Council members and the Mayor would be invited. Cliff commented a week night rather than the weekend night. He'll speak more with Greg about it.

NOTRE DAME ARCHITECTURE DEPT & DOWNTOWN ARCHITECTURE

Included in the Commission packet was a newspaper article about what the ND students did for South Bend. Cliff and his wife attended the meeting that was held and it was pretty eye opening. He said they had a class that joins two disciplines- outright architecture and then an American history studies. The students did a historic review of the architecture and the history of buildings and talked about the future of the downtown. After the program Cliff asked the Professor if he had another project lined up and asked him to think about Mishawaka. The Professor's eyes lit up and he responded "oh yes." We can make an invitation to them to at least explore the possibility of Mishawaka. Dave Eisen suggested before asking ND we should have all our local ducks set up first. Cliff said he would check with the Mayor and Ken.

OLD BUSINESS:

RESTORE MICHIANA WORKSHOPS WRAP UP

Indiana Landmarks had two programs that we co-sponsored with our library, and South Bend-St. Joseph Historic Preservation. We had 38 people attend the Saturday program on House Detectives; dozen people came to the evening program on House Styles. He noted that Dave Vollrath attended one of the workshops. Thank you notes should go to the Elicia Feasel from Restore Michiana, the library staff and to Todd Zieger. A \$50 stipend will be given to Todd Zeiger.

Motion: Dave Eisen moved to approve a \$50 stipend for Todd Zieger; Judy Gray seconded; motion approved with a vote 5-0.

PRESERVATION AWARDS WRAP UP

Four of the six award recipients attended the City Council meeting last month; the two owners of the Heritage Home Awards couldn't attend. Cliff offered thanks to Judy, Dick, Mike, Marsha and Dave Vollrath and Peg for attending. There was an article in the following Saturday's paper listing the award recipients, although Bruce and Pat Tassell's Doc Peirce's was listed as a home.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Dave Eisen noted that as a matter of information, since he belongs to the Grand Rapids Historical Society because that is where part of his heritage is, a second book, this time paperback has come out kind of like a 'then and now'. It is a photographer looking at a scene from the same perceptive maybe 100 years ago and then at the present time standing at the same spot looking at it. Might be a project for the Commission to undertake in the future.

AVON THEATER, SOUTH BEND, 309 S Michigan

Cliff noted that the County library owns the property and they got 5-0 approval from South Bend Redevelopment to demolish it to expand parking. He said he received a note that here is a movement to preserve the façade. He said he would email the info from Catherine Hostetler from the South Bend and St. Joseph County Historic Perseveration Commission. They would just appreciate letters of support.

ADJOURNMENT: 4:47 pm

Cliff Zenor, Chairman

Peg Strantz, Associate Planner