

August 7, 2012

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

The Mishawaka Historic Preservation Commission meeting was held Tuesday, August 7, 2012 at 4:00 PM in Room 205, City Hall. Commission members attending: Dick Barnette, Mike Bultinck, Dave Eisen, Judy Gray, John Gleissner, Dave Vollrath and Cliff Zenor. Absent: Marsha McClure and Tony Obringer. Staff attending: Ken Prince, City Planner.

NEW BUSINESS:

UPDATE ON THE LINCOLN HIGHWAY CENTENNIAL

The meeting for this month was cancelled and there is no word about rescheduling.

INVITE TODD ZEIGER FOR INSERVICE PROGRAM

Cliff Zenor said October 2nd was a good date for Todd. His presentation is called 9 Nuggets for Commissioners. He said it will be a 20 minute program and can count toward our CLG education requirement.

DISCUSS A NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING HIGHLIGHTING PRESERVATION

We had talked about doing a neighborhood/City Council meetings and Greg Kuharic offered his place. Cliff said he talked to Greg and we are not there is enough space at his house to do a whole neighborhood. He really would like to people who are involved in preservation including past award winners. Cliff said he would talk more to Greg about that.

Commission discussed river walk plans and several homes that had been razed.

GARDEN WALK INFO

Judy Gray said in the past someone had mentioned a garden walk to create preservation awareness. She said South Bend had one recently in a historic district that she attended. She brought a few handouts to pass along in case the Commission had any interest down the road. She noted that when she went to garden walks and similar things, that's what brought her to be interested in preservation.

Cliff asked Judy is she would be interested in gathering some information from the person who headed up the walk.

HOSTING INDIANA LANDMARKS NORTHERN REGIONAL MEETING

Cliff said Todd Zeiger is the Director of the Northern Region of Indiana Landmarks and has contacts with people in the north half of the state involved in preservation. Cliff said he offered to co-host with him one of his meetings. They talked about having a lunch meeting at Doc Peirce's and after the meeting a tour of the building. He said he would propose doing it after Main Junior High Apartments is complete. Maybe sometime in the spring.

Already having saved Mary Phillips School John Gleissner suggested touring it. That would be problematic with people living there now, noted Ken Prince. Dave Eisen noted that the Commission toured Mary Phillips one or two times before they first let people in and maybe that is something they could do with Main. Ken said we should plan on having a tour around November.

John Gleissner asked what the vacancy rate at Mary Phillips. Ken said he thinks they continue to have success and what has been learned with Mary Phillips is that there is more of a demand for two bedroom units rather than one bedroom. At Main there is a good mix, probably 50-50.

OLD BUSINESS:

GYM FLOOR

Cliff noted that by the next meeting he should have some numbers for what it will take to put it together.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Cliff said we had talked about the procedures to designate Fire House #4 at LWE and Capital, and if it is still in our plan, we have to go through city channels to proceed with the designation process since it is owned by the City.

Ken Prince said the property has to be appraised and until the new fire station is complete and occupied, the city is not even going to look to dispose of it because we want to have the ability, should they need to shut down Capital the City still needs to provide service to the area. Then at that point it is appraised by two independent appraisers, then it will be put out for open bid, then if there are no people that bid on it, they'll take it from there. The slate roof recently was redone at a cost of \$70,000.

Cliff said he called and talked to the Captain about arranging a tour as part of our monthly meeting.