

JULY 2, 2013

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

City of Mishawaka, Indiana

The Mishawaka Historic Preservation Commission was held Tuesday, July 2, 2013 at 4:00, City Hall, 600 East Third Street, Room 205. Commission members attending were: Dick Barnette, Judy Gray, Tony Obringer, Dave Vollrath and Cliff Zenor. Absent members: Mike Bultinck, Dave Eisen, John Gleissner, Kate Voelker. Plan Staff attending: Peg Strantz, Associate Planner.

INTRODUCTIONS:

Cliff Zenor welcomed Jennifer Johns and Bryan Tanner, both Mishawakans who have voiced an interest in joining the Commission as Advisory members.

Jennifer Johns, born and raised in Mishawaka, said she works at Ruthmere Mansion in Elkhart as the Curator and mostly oversees the Havilah Beardsley House. Prior to that she was at the Center for History for fifteen years, so history is in her blood.

Bryan Tanner, said he grew up in Huntingburg, between Bloomington and Evansville. He met his wife in college and had visited up here many times. He said they fell in love with Mishawaka and when a good job opportunity came up he jumped at because he always thought this would be nice place to live. Last year they bought their house in an older historic neighborhood. He noted that it has always been his desire to live in a Craftsman house. He said he wanted to be more involved with the process of historic homes and neighborhoods.

OLD BUSINESS:

2014 Budget Discussion

Commission discussed the budget for 2014, taking into consideration local landmark plaques, supplies and printing for historic preservation education, guest lecturer fees and printed material, preservation award framing and materials, fee for graphic artist to create new HPC logo, and architecture and history walks/programs.

Notre Dame – American Towns & Cities

Cliff Zenor said he spoke with Professor Stiel recently. The professor said he had a hard time getting enough students for the Notre Dame class – American Towns & Cities, so he was concerned that he wouldn't have enough people to do a full blown class on Mishawaka as was discussed. But the professor said he would like to come to Mishawaka, bring a design class and do an intensive one-week design charrette.

Draft Budget Total = \$ 4,550.

MOTION: Dave Vollrath moved to approve the requested budget draft; seconded by Tony Obringer; passed unanimously.

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Awards Wrap Up & Update Info for City's Web Site

Cliff Zenor noted that the Awards Information, including photographs of the winners for this year is now on the City website, thanks going to Brent Chupp who was wonderful to work with.

NEW BUSINESS:

Intern Update

Cliff Zenor thanked Dave Vollrath for offering the intern information that is used at IUSB. He said the Commission is exploring the possibility of an unpaid intern to help update and find new information about historic places/structures that are listed in the old brochure, so we can work with Brett Chupp and do an online version of the brochure for the city's website. Dave Vollrath suggested Fall would be the time to post for history majors or people who are interested in working with the City in some capacity like political science.