

Historic Preservation Commission Minutes
February 26, 2018, 7:00 p.m.
Lafayette City Hall – Board of Works Room

Commission Members in Attendance: John Burns, Kevin Klinker, Sean Lutes, Shawna McCully, Patti Morgan, Glen Vick, Kurt Wahl

Absent: Julie Ginn

Staff in Attendance: Dann Keiser, Historic Preservation Officer; John Collier, Assistant Director of Economic Development

Guests: Patrick Grimes, Cube Construction; Emily Colombo, Greater Lafayette Commerce; Brendan Betz, 9th Street Hill Organization

Noting a quorum, President Kurt Wahl called the meeting of the Lafayette Historic Preservation Commission to order at 7:01 pm.

Approval of December 18, 2017 Minutes

John Burns moved to recommend approval of the minutes of the December 18, 2017 meeting. Sean Lutes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Historic Preservation Commission Committee Assignments

President Wahl opened discussion for committee assignments. Following discussion, Committee assignments are as follows:

COA Committee: Kurt Wahl (chair), Julie Ginn, Sean Lutes

Public Relations and Education Committee: Glen Vick (chair), Kevin Klinker

District Committee: John Burns (chair), Shawna McCully, Patti Morgan

Kevin Klinker moved to recommend approval of the Committee members as listed above. John Burns seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Burns pointed out that we have a vacancy on the Commission at this time, so perhaps that person could fill the open seat on the PR and Education Committee. All agreed. Mr. Collier stated that he's still working on filling the open position with the Mayor.

Public Relations and Education Committee report

No report was made by the Public Relations Committee.

District Committee report

No report was made by the District Committee.

COA Committee report

President Kurt Wahl reported that the COA Committee met on Wednesday, January 24, 2017 at 3:00 pm. Two COAs were discussed including 828-1/2 Main Street and 337 Columbia Street. Mr. Wahl initiated discussion on the COAs at hand.

828-1/2 Main Street

President Wahl reminded Commissioners that this was on the December 2017 meeting agenda, but was tabled by the applicant at that time so more information could be gathered on the condition of the windows. The representative for this COA application, Patrick Grimes, was in attendance and shared information on the condition of the existing windows and the owner's proposal for replacement windows. Mr. Wahl pointed out that since the windows are in fairly bad shape and that the sashes are likely not original, the COA Committee recommended approval. Mr. Wahl referred to Dann Keiser for his report on the windows. Mr. Keiser reported that the windows could be repaired, but since the interior sashes have been replaced and historic fabric is not being lost, the new windows appear to match the existing very closely with the half-round top, then he is comfortable with the owner's decision to replace versus repair. Mr. Lutes asked if the depth of the window in the opening would match the existing. Mr. Grimes responded that he felt that would be very close although he couldn't say that they would match inch to inch. Mr. Keiser clarified that with the new windows, they will meet the masonry at the exact same location which addressed Mr. Lutes' concern.

Kevin Klinker moved to recommend approval of the Committee members as listed above. Patti Morgan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

337 Columbia Street

President Wahl introduced a COA application for replacement windows on the east face of the Greater Lafayette Commerce Building. The Commission approved a COA for replacement windows on this building in the fall with the recommendation for a front-set aluminum storefront window instead of a center-set window. However, during the engineering process, it was determined that due to the size of the windows, they could not meet the wind load requirement for the windows that were previously approved. Consequently, GLC has come back to us requesting the center-set glass versus the front-set glass so that the wind load requirements can be met. The primary difference will be in the depth of the reveal. The windows being proposed today will be slightly deeper than what was approved previously, but the difference would be less than an inch. Mr. Wahl clarified that the COA Committee recommended approval for this COA and he asked for feedback from Mr. Keiser who stated that since the existing windows are not in place today, we don't have to match existing window standards. He agrees with the COA Committee's recommendation to approve.

Kevin Klinker moved to approve the frame change for the replacement windows at 337 Columbia Street. Glen Vick seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Staff Report

Mr. Collier handed out the itinerary for this year's Preserving Historic Places conference in Columbus, IN, April 17 – 20. He reminded Commissioners that in order for the City of Lafayette to maintain its status as a Certified Local Government (CLG), then each Commissioner needs to attend at least one continuing education program per year. Attending all or a portion of this conference would fulfill that requirement. Scholarships are available for housing and attendance at the conference for 2 Commissioners and/or staff members. Mr. Collier plans to attend the full meeting. If Commissioners have interest in attending the conference, please let Mr. Collier know by end of the work day on Thursday, March 1, 2018. Mr. Collier also mentioned the possibility of an in-town education seminar, similar to last year's, to make it easier for more Commissioners to meet the continuing education requirement.

Mr. Collier also mentioned a potential Purdue Computer Graphics Technology capstone project that would include some graduate students that is interested in doing a 3-D rendering of a historic building in the downtown area that could digitally preserve the building. The former House of Fitzgerald (717 Columbia Street), immediately east of Central Presbyterian Church might be a good project based on concerns of its current condition.

Mr. Lutes asked if it was possible for the Commission to ask for public comment at the end of the presentation portion of the each COA and before an actual vote is taken. Mr. Burns agreed and said that if we have a COA and there are members of the public in the room, then we should ask for their feedback before a vote is taken. President Wahl agreed to implement the question. Brendan Betz, a member of the public in attendance at the meeting, shared that he has attended previous meetings and has never been asked for feedback following a particular COA agenda item. Mr. Keiser responded that we'd do so in the future. The Commissioners agreed.

Public Comment/ Adjournment

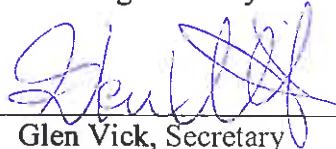
President Wahl asked for additional comments from the public; there were no additional comments.

Sean Lutes made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Shawna McCully seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was adjourned at 7:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

John Collier, Recording Secretary

Approved: _____



Glen Vick, Secretary
Historic Preservation Commission