



MINUTES OF THE
LAFAYETTE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

February 28, 2022

7:00 pm

Council Chambers, City Hall

Attendance

Commission Members: John Burns, Julie Ginn, Kevin Klinker, Sean Lutes, Shawna McCully, Patti Morgan, Amy Paget, Glen Vick

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

Guests: Michael O. Hunt

Call to Order

Noting a quorum, President John Burns called the meeting of the Lafayette Historic Preservation Commission to order at 7:00 pm.

Due to an oversight at last month's meeting, a new election for president and vice president is necessary because it was realized that Mr. Burns has served 3 consecutive terms as president and the ordinance states that the officers "may be re-elected no more than 3 consecutive terms for the same position." Consequently, Shawna McCully nominated Sean Lutes as President and John Burns as Vice President. Kevin Klinker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Lutes, as president, commenced with the meeting.

Approval of the Minutes

Kevin Klinker moved to recommend approval of the January 31, 2022 meeting minutes. Julie Ginn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Public Relations and Education Committee - No report.

District Committee - No report

COA Committee - No report

Miscellaneous Items

Review Ordinance to Amend Sections of Title 12 Historic Preservation and Protection- Mr. Collier reviewed the proposed language changes included in the ordinance. The revisions included in the ordinance enhance the current code in the following ways:

1. It changes the voting members' qualifications to be consistent with the state enabling legislation by clarifying that voting members "should" (rather than "shall") include professionals in the disciplines of architectural history, planning, and other disciplines related to historic preservation to the extent these professionals are available and residents of the City." This change will give us more flexibility in finding good, qualified future Commission members.

2. It adds a subsection authorizing a two-phase approach to the establishment of a Local Historic District by offering a "conservation district" as a method of protection. In essence, this is another way for a property to be designated as a local historic district through a 2-phased process over a 3-year window of time. Under the first phase, a COA "is required for the demolition of any building; the moving of any building; and any new construction of a principle building or accessory building, or structure subject to view from the public way." At the end of the first phase, upon expiration of the 3-year period, the Conservation District shall become a Local Historic District" unless a majority of the property owners in the district object to the Commission, in writing, to the elevation to a Local Historic District. The written objections must be received by the Commission no earlier than 180 days or later than 60 days before the adoption of the Conservation District. Mr. Collier clarified that the designation process is the same as for a local historic district with regard to receipt of a petition for designation, preparation of a boundary map, review by the HPC, preparation of an ordinance for review and approval by the City Council after two readings and finally recorded with the Tippecanoe County Recorder.

Following discussion, John Burns moved to recommend approval to the City Council. Glen Vick seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Review National Register Of Historic Places Nomination for David & Harriet Hopwood House- 602 N. 5th Street, Lafayette, IN – The nomination packet, prepared by property owner, Michael O. Hunt, was shared with the Commissioners in advance of the meeting. Mr. Hunt, who was present at the meeting, was introduced to the Commission. Mr. Hunt is well known by the Commissioners and the community for his passion and ongoing commitment to preservation of historic properties in the City of Lafayette and the Historic Centennial Neighborhood in particular. His incredible rehabilitation of the David & Harriet Hopwood House, in which he and his wife reside, is currently within the National Centennial Neighborhood Historic District as well as the Local Centennial Historic District. Mr. Hunt would like to have the house individually listed on the National Register of Historic Places as well, so he has initiated the process through the submission of the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form. Because the City of Lafayette is a Certified Local Government (CLG), the application must be reviewed by the local historic preservation commission prior to submission to the Division of Historic Preservation and Archeology. The Hopwood House was built circa 1846, 7 years before the railroad tracks were installed on 5th Street, is an authentic Greek Revival structure that had fallen into disrepair until Mr. and Mrs. Hunt purchased the house and began the extensive rehabilitation in 1993. There is a pilaster with capital and plinth at each of the four corners of the house as well as a pair of pilasters bracketing the sidelights and multi-light transom around the front door. A significant feature of the house is the pedimented portico over the front porch that is one story in height and is supported by two fluted Doric columns. Mr. Keiser stated that the house is definitely worthy of individual designation on the National Register of Historic Places. The Commissioners thanked Mr. Hunt for his application and the great work he has done on the house and the Historic Centennial Neighborhood. Julie Ginn made a motion to approve the nomination. Shawna McCully seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Staff Report

Mr. Collier let the Commissioners know that the annual letter to all property owners within the City's local historic districts is drafted and nearly ready to be mailed. The letter includes a map showing all of the 49 local historic districts. The purpose of the letter is to remind all property owners that their property is within a local historic district and therefore requires review and approval by the HPC through the COA application process before they make any "conspicuous" changes to the exterior of the building(s) or property. He shared a copy of the letter and map with the Commissioners for their review and comment.

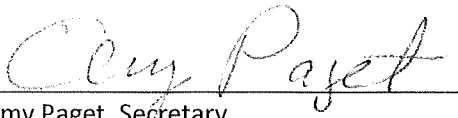
Public Comment

No public comments were received.

Adjournment

There being no further business to bring before the Commission, Kevin Klinker moved to adjourn the meeting. Shawna McCully seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was adjourned at 7:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Michelle Conwell, Recording Secretary

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amy Paget". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Amy Paget, Secretary
Historic Preservation Commission