



MINUTES OF THE
LAFAYETTE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
March 29, 2021
7:00 pm

All necessary meetings are being conducted observing safe practices, including conference calls and online streaming (<https://www.youtube.com/user/CityofLafayetteIN/live>).

Attendance via online GoToMeeting

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

Absent: Amy Paget

Staff in Attendance: Dennis Carson, John Collier, Michelle Conwell, (Andy Milam from City IT Department for technical support)

Call to Order

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

John Collier thanked everyone for joining the online GoToMeeting and gave a brief overview of the online meeting process and stated that all votes must be by roll call to be in compliance with Governor Holcomb's guidelines for online public meetings.

Approval of the Minutes

Kevin Klinker moved to recommend approval of the of the February 22, 2021 meeting minutes. Kurt Wahl seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote. It was also noted that the COA for 20 N. 3rd St – Replace surface overlay at building entry was not included on the October 26, 2020 minutes. The minutes have been corrected to include the COA. Shawna McCully made a motion to approve the amended minutes of October 26, 2020 and Glen Vick seconded. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

New Business

Public Relations and Education Committee- No report

District Committee

New Local Perrin / 409 Perrin Avenue Historic District - This petition is for a new individual property local historic district at 409 Perrin Avenue in what will be called the **Local Perrin/409 Perrin Avenue Historic District** and was submitted by owner Stephanie Rogers. John Collier presented on behalf of the petitioner and stated that the property is an Italianate style home built in 1876 with an addition added in 1912. Dann Keiser, Historic Preservation Officer, confirmed that the home is rated as Outstanding and warrants designation as a local historic district. The District Committee reviewed and recommended approval of the petition at its meeting last week. Sean Lutes made a motion to approve the petition, Julie Ginn seconded. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

New Local Perrin / 634 Perrin Avenue Historic District - This petition is for a new individual property local historic district at 634 Perrin Avenue in what will be called the **Local Perrin/634 Perrin Avenue Historic District** and was submitted by owners Eric and Kaitlin Wright, John Collier presented on behalf of the petitioners and stated that the property is a Gable Front style home. The home has the original siding and windows. The owners are currently renovating the home. Dann Keiser, Historic Preservation Officer, confirmed that the home is rated as Contributing and warrants designation as a local historic district. The District Committee reviewed and recommended approval of the petition at its meeting last week. Shawna McCully made a motion to approve the petition, Glen Vick seconded. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

COA Committee report

COA -33 McGrath Ave – Demolition of garage only - This COA, submitted by owner Michael Smith/RAM Properties, is for the demolition of the garage only. Kurt Wahl reviewed the COA application with the Commissioners. Dann Keiser commented that the garage is in bad shape and the cost to rehab would be substantial. The foundation wall is also in very bad condition. Mr. Smith may try to remove and salvage the original windows on the south wall, but only if it is safe for him to do so. The COA Committee recommended approval of the COA at its meeting last week. Kevin Klinker made a motion to approve, Shawna McCully seconded. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Misc. Item

Resolution 2021-01 – Resolution to Amend Staff Authorization Powers -John Collier reviewed comments he shared at last month’s meeting regarding the City’s effort to establish a new section in the city code to accommodate a licensing process for the installation of temporary “parklets and streateries” in the parking lane on city streets. The licensing process would be facilitated through the City Engineer’s office and would require reviews by the Parking Commission and the Historic Preservation Commission (if proposed within a local historic district). Since these parklets/streateries are temporary (April – October) and must be reviewed each year, the City is requesting that the Commission give the Historic Preservation Commission staff the authority, by Resolution, to review and approve applications for temporary streateries and parklets on behalf of the Commission. By doing so, the approval process would be more efficient. The streateries and parklets are intended to be seasonal and to help support downtown businesses especially in the wake of COVID. The applicants will need to renew their permits yearly. Kevin Klinker made a motion to approve, Shawn McCully seconded. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Staff Report-John Collier shared his annual report of work accomplished by the Historic Preservation Commission in 2020, including approval of 20 COA applications (14 by the full Commission, 6 by staff) and the recommendation to designate 11 new historic districts in the City. Eight of the 11 new districts were individual properties.


Public Comment

No public comments were received via email to web-ed@lafayette.in.gov prior to the meeting. (Public comment by email is consistent with Governor Holcomb's guidelines for public comment during the COVID-19 crisis.)

Adjournment

There being no further business to bring before the Commission, Kevin Klinker moved to adjourn the meeting. Glen Vick seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote and the meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was adjourned at 7:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Michelle Conwell, Recording Secretary



Glen Vick, Secretary
Historic Preservation Commission