

WHITESTOWN HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Wednesday, July 24, 2019
Whitestown Municipal Complex
6210 Veterans Drive
Whitestown, IN 46075
Unofficial Meeting Minutes

ORIGINAL

A. OPENING THE MEETING

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM. In attendance were Commission Members Susan Austin (President), Mike Hancock (VP), Lindsay Adams, Jessica Averitt, and Mark Robinson. Also attending were Brittany Garriott, Director of Planning & Community Development for the Town of Whitestown, Curt Shields, Mary Wagner Shields, Cheryl Hancock, and Town employee Susan Weninger, who took the minutes.

2. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

B. APPROVAL OF THE 3/20/2019 MEETING MINUTES

Mike moved to approve the minutes as presented; Jessica second; motion passed.

C. PUBLIC REQUEST TO SPEAK

There were no requests. Residents in attendance chose the option to comment as the meeting progressed.

D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Review and discuss acceptance of the historic survey

Gray & Pape Heritage Management made corrections to the final survey report. Members were a bit disappointed that the report did not uncover more information, such as homes that could be restored to their original condition. Much of the information G & P reported could be found on Mike's website or other sites. A lot of new information and background was not presented. Mike made a motion to accept the report; Jessica second; motion passed.

2. Review progress and placement timing of Albert S. White Historic Marker at Big 4 Trailhead

Mark presented a picture of the marker, which was very similar to the original one designed by Tanya Sumner, Director of Public Relations. Jason Lawson and Nathan Messer have locations picked out for placement on Main Street. \$1,270 from the Quality of Life Fund will be put towards the cost, with the Town paying the rest. It was suggested that Tanya/PR Dept. take pictures when placing of the markers.

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discuss Legacy Core Façade Program

Per Susan, inquiries have been made to Steve Unger (Town Attorney) to find out what can be done under existing statutes, but she has not heard back. The Legacy Core Façade Program would run through the RDC (Redevelopment Commission).

2. For Review Only: Nashville Development Commission Page

Mike had sent out information on the Nashville Development Commission for members to review. Per Brittany, if none of our homes are "historic", we will have problems putting (extremely) specific requirements in place. There will be limits as to what can be controlled. The (Legacy Core) overlay district can control signs, lights, and new construction, but not existing buildings. Mike said we (the WHPC) had talked about this over a year ago when he was assigned to the Commission; that was the purpose of the WHPC. Susan asked how we can tell people what they "have" to do (or are allowed to do) with their homes. What can we do legally? Mike again stated that the purpose of the WHPC was to set standards. Lindsay asked how a home receives a "historic designation". This was explained and discussed. Mike stated that the oldest home in the survey was built in 1851 and asked how the WHPC could stop someone from bulldozing

it and putting up a new home? We can't unless the home has an official historic designation, which is a huge commitment.

Brittany stated that currently, the Legacy Core (LC) has the same standards in place as the entire town. If we create an overlay district, we can regulate lights, signs, and have a special design review. She is working towards having a new Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) for the town in place on January 1, 2020. Someone asked if HWC was working on an overlay. Brittany said that if there is anything specific that we want, they could probably add it to an overlay for the LC, including sidewalks and building materials. Mike asked if HWC had developed a list of questions for the WHPC regarding the LC. Brittany replied that the UDO is for the entire town. The Overlay District for the LC is a separate vision/comprehensive plan. If the WHPC wants to make recommendations, she would need the information by the end of October. Susan Austin stated that she would like to have (attorney) John Molitor out to meet with the group regarding this.

3. Review and Discuss Mural Artwork and Pricing

The artist who created the Abraham Lincoln mural in Zionsville was approached to submit a design for the side of the brick building in the LC that faces the trail. She offered three designs; Mike showed his revision of one of the designs. Discussion took place regarding cost and whether to move forward. Mark stated that there is a huge curve in the brick wall, and also, that he has several designed working for him (at Indy's Pro Graphics) who would be interested in coming up with a design. More discussion. The idea was presented that the WHPC could select the best three designs and we could then have residents vote and decide on the winning design.

F. OTHER BUSINESS


Susan suggested putting some sort of marker or designation in front of Whitestown homes noting the specific time periods in which they were built. The history of the home could be put into a data base, and Tanya could note the birthdays of the homes on social media. Discussion took place supporting the idea and adding to it.

G. ADJOURN

Mike moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:24PM; Mark second; motion passed.



SUSAN AUSTIN, PRESIDENT



MIKE HANCOCK, VICE PRESIDENT



LINDSAY ADAMS



JESSICA AVERITT



MARK ROBINSON

ATTEST:



JASON LAWSON, TOWN MANAGER