

WHITESTOWN HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Wednesday, January 16, 2019
Whitestown Municipal Complex
6210 Veterans Drive
Whitestown, IN 46075
Unofficial Meeting Minutes

A. OPENING THE MEETING

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:03PM.

2. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. Introduction of New Member

Commission members and others in attendance were introduced; President Susan Austin, Jesse Averitt, Vice President Mike Hancock, new member Lindsay Nichols Adams, Acting Town Manager/Staff Liaison Jason Lawson. Member Mark Robinson was not at the meeting. In addition, residents Cheryl Hancock and Ramona & Mike Smith were in attendance.

3. Election of Officers

Susan Austin, as the Town Council Representative, serves as President. A motion was made by Jesse Averitt to elect Mike Hancock to another term as Vice President. Second by Lindsay Adams. Passed 4-0.

B. PUBLIC REQUEST TO SPEAK

No requests were made to address the Commission.

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(Overlapping and circuitous conversation took place on the following three topics)

1. Review Historic Survey Progress

A link to the Historic Survey being done by Gray & Pape is available online with tonight's meeting agenda (Click on "Draft" under C. 1.) The survey report has not been finalized yet. There are several houses that WHPC members thought would be listed as "notable" to the history of the town, that are not.

Discussion about adding the historic district to the UDO took place, leading into the following agenda item. Susan stated that she would like to have Gray & Pape out to go over the survey once it is complete, with Planning Department Director Brittany Garriott at the meeting.

Discussion took place regarding how far back records can be found for Whitestown. Apparently, there were two fires; one in the 1800's and one in 1915 when the Courthouse burned down, destroying all records for prior years.

2. Update on Proposal to Change the UDO to Add Legacy Core Overlay

Members discussed examples of the building/infill standards they would like to see in place, such as no mobile homes or vinyl siding. Susan said she would like to have a greenspace buffer around the

Legacy Core/historic district, but it most likely would not withstand a legal challenge. The purpose of the Overlay is to be sure the Legacy Core is not overlooked and overrun as new development comes in. Discussion took place about the proposed Uitt Street main entrance/exit for the new Westport Homes development. The rezoning of the property (for the project) is coming before the Town Council at their next meeting. Additional requirements can still be made as Westport goes through the planning process. The WHPC might want to make a recommendation to Council that another entrance is found for the development. WFD will require two separate entrances. Mike stated that putting a main entrance to a residential development was not an appropriate or best use of the historic Uitt Street. Susan suggested that Mike address the Council and make a statement expressing the concerns of the WHPC. A motion was made by Susan Austin that Mike Hancock speak at the next Town Council meeting regarding Uitt Street and the Westport development entrance location. Second. All in favor, 3-0, with Mike not voting.

3. Discuss Placement of Historical Marker at the Big 4 Trail Head to honor Albert S. White

Mark was going to bring the final depiction of the marker so it could be voted on, therefore, the Commission was unable to review or vote on it. Susan Austin made a motion that Parks Director Nathan Messer find a suitable location for the marker in the area of the Big 4 Trail Head and determine which line item would be used to pay for it. Second from Mike Hancock. Motion passed 4-0.

D. NEW BUSINESS

None.

E. OTHER BUSINESS

Mike noted the e-Boom was going to be moving into its new location in the Legacy Core on Friday. There is also activity taking place in the Belmar Building. Jesse stated that there are three empty tanks located on her property under the parking lot that will need to be removed at significant cost.

Mike told members that the deed for McCord Cemetery is being changed from the Spaulding family to Worth Township, as the family is donating it to the Township. It was allegedly deeded to the Township in the 1840's but when all town records were lost, the deed reverted back to the Spaulding family, who have been paying the taxes for years. Mike said the cemetery needed to be cleaned up, restored, and preserved.

F. Susan Austin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:51PM; second from Mike Hancock. Meeting adjourned at 7:51PM.

Susan Austin, President

Mike Hancock, Vice President

Lindsay Nichols Adams

Jessie Averitt

Mark Robinson

ATTEST:

Jason Lawson, Acting Town Manager