

October 5, 2010

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
City of Mishawaka, Indiana**

A regular meeting of the Mishawaka Historic Preservation Commission was held Tuesday, October 5, 2010 at 4:00 PM in Room 106 at City Hall, 600 East Third Street. Commission members attending: Judy Gray, Dick Barnette, David Schmidt, David Vollrath, Dave Eisen, Tony Obringer and Cliff Zenor. Absent: Mike Bultinck and John Gleissner. Advisory members, Dr. Gering and Cynthia Harington were absent. Also attending: Peg Strantz, Associate Planner, and Ken Prince, City Planner.

In the absence of Mr. Gleissner, Commission Chairman, Mr. Schmidt, Commission Vice Chairman, presided over the meeting.

**MINUTES:**

The August 3, 2010 meeting minutes were approved as amended.

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**A. Local Landmarks**

938 East Third Street

Mr. Eisen noted that the Commission mentioned the house in the 600 block of Lincolnway East where the siding was removed and said that the same thing is being done to a house in the 900 block of East Third. He wondered if the house was architecturally or historically significant in any way. Peg Strantz noted that she had also noticed and taken a photo. She will find out if it is listed in the Indiana Sites & Structures Survey. Mr. Eisen also noted that they cut down all the trees in the yard also.

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Mr. Obringer said he had been approached at church from a new homeowner near Dr. Gering's house, as to whether or not they could register their home historic. He said the last name is Portolese. He'll come back next meeting with the pertinent information.

**B. Public Relations & Community Education**

Fundraisers

Judy Gray called Between the Buns for an update on the fundraiser. She was told that out of 100 cards that were given to the Commission; only 12 have been used, raising \$52.22.

Judy suggested Port-a-Pit, tea parties, ice cream social, cookbooks as possible fundraisers for the Commission. She noted that Blair Hills held a port a pit fundraiser in May charging \$5.50 for three for \$15. There is a minimum order required of 520 chicken halves to be paid upfront (\$1,840).

The Commission considered pursuing selling ice cream at Beutter Park next summer when movies are shown in the evening. Ken Prince said vendors pay the Park Department to set up there. He said one thought is to talk with Bob Stephens and set up on private property.

Photo Calendar

Cliff Zenor said the idea we were talking about was to have a picture calendar. There are two choices of paper, gloss or matte; matte is cheaper. We would have about 28 pages. The prices he said vary from printer to printer with the cheapest he found for 500 at the high end around \$2,600 or \$5.25 per calendar. On the low end for 500/ \$2,000 at \$4.00 a calendar. The Commission can make their decision in the spring for the 2012 calendar. Commission also discussed the idea of sponsorships and including west end businesses for the calendars.

### Letter of Appreciation

Cliff Zenor said we've been watching that house in the 600 Block of LWE. The house numbers have been removed, but he said it is between 636 and 628 on the north side of the street. They have removed the siding and are now painting the original clapboards. We were talking about a way to say "that a boy" when we see a project like that. He asked for the Commission's permission to draft a base letter of appreciation. He suggested that we as a commission keep our eyes open for projects like that. He noted that people are flattered if someone notices the changes they make.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### Support Letter for River center Apartment Project, 402 Lincolnway West

Ken Prince said as you recall we originally asked for and received a letter of support from the Commission for the Neighborhood Stabilization Funds. Right now we are in the process of applying for tax credits. We hired a consultant since this is not an area of our expertise. He said letters of support help contribute to receiving the funding for the reuse of the building. He said obviously there can be disagreement on the windows, but overall we think this is a jewel that will be a focal point of the downtown.

Dave Eisen moved to compose a letter of support; seconded by Dave Vollrath; passed with a 6-1 (Tony Obringer abstaining).

Cliff Zenor said he has talked with Ken about this and would be willing to draft the letter. Dave Schmidt said with the signatory being John Gleissner.

#### Ed Chamberlin's DVD Project on Mishawaka Churches

Dave Eisen noted that Ed Chamberlin is planning a whole series of Mishawaka history dvds and the Commission may have an opportunity at some point to coordinate an event with him.

#### Christmas Gift Wrap

The Commission determined that the Barnes & Noble / Borders gift wrap fundraisers will not be attempted this year.

#### Next Meeting

Due to the National Election Day held Tuesday November 2, the Commission will meet Wednesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### **ADJOURNMENT: 4:55 PM**

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Peg Strantz, Associate Planner

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David Schmidt, Vice Chairman