

MAY 1, 2012

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

The Mishawaka Historic Preservation Commission meeting was held Tuesday, May 1, 2012 at 4:00 PM in Room 205, City Hall. Commission members attending: Dick Barnette, Dave Eisen, Mike Bultinck, Judy Gray, Dave Vollrath, Marsha McClure and Cliff Zenor. Absent: Tony Obringer and John Gleissner. Staff attending: Ken Prince, City Planner and Peg Strantz, Associate Planner.

MINUTES:

The April 3rd meeting minutes were approved as circulated.

NEW BUSINESS:

**BALL BAND MONUMENT PARK PLANTING
Southwest corner Main & W Mishawaka Avenue**

Rick Springer, City Landscaper, was receiving the plants on May 11th. The Commission decided to meet at 10:00 am on Saturday, May 12th, the day before Mother's Day to plant.

PROSPECT DRIVE RESIDENT CONCERNS

At the House Detectives Workshop several Prospect Drive residents brought up some concerns to Marsha McClure and Cliff Zenor about the Riverwalk coming through their neighborhood because of houses being removed and wondered who they could talk to. They were directed to Redevelopment. Mr. Prince said 1002 Prospect is down and 1004 and 1008 are coming down. He said 1012 is not interested and right now it is a willing buyer and willing sellers.

RESTORE MICHIANA WORKSHOP AT LIBRARY

Approximately 38 people attended the Saturday, April 28th House Detectives workshop and eight or nine folks went up to visit the Heritage Center after the program.

In order for the House Styles workshop to be held this Thursday, May 3rd, at least 12 people need to be signed up.

PLAQUE PRESENTATION FOR ELLIS-SCHINDLER HOUSE AT 900 LWW

A lunchtime presentation will be planned.

PRESERVATION MONTH YARD SIGNS

Commission members were asked to sign up for a list of addresses where the yard signs were to be placed for the month of May.

PRESERVATION AWARD NOMINATIONS & PRESENTATIONS AT May 21st CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Those receiving the six awards:

- Adaptive Reuse Award
Dr. Glenn Wheet, 900 LWW, Ellis-Schindler House
- Becky Emmons (just retired from So Bend Tribune)
Service Award
- Greg Kuharic
Preservation Award, 417 Edgewater Drive
- Mary Lou Morin
Heritage Home Award, 522 Calhoun Street
- Forrest Dale & Imogene Morris
Heritage Home Award, 554 West Seventh Street
- Doc Pierce's Restaurant
Restoration Award, 120 N. Main Street

We'll try to get a dedicated space on the City's website so people can see photos of what we are doing and it would be a nice way to keep adding to the educational outreach of the Commission.

MISSION STATEMENT AND GOALS/ PUBLIC EDUCATION

- What does the Mayor require of the Commission and what does the Commission require of itself.
- Host a regional preservation conference in Mishawaka (Mike Bultinck will research)
- Historic House Tours
- Best practice landscape plantings for historic sites (Dave Vollrath will research)
- Downtown Church Tour
- Haunted – Hidden Rooms Tour
- Sidewalk Tour
- On-Line Self-Guided Tour
- Collaborate with other individuals and organizations with the same interests as the Commission

- Take small steps, research information that could in the future be put on the web page
- Northern Indiana Historical Society has lots of information that the library doesn't have, although they are very protective of their resources
- Provide a photograph and interesting content/chronology for the South Bend Tribune. (Judy will try to pick out a place)
- Can you identify night? Pictures of people, buildings, spaces... leave up for a week.

Some Commentaries of Interest

Dick Barnette said he had two pictures of the bomb shelter that was under the North Side School on East McKinley. The school was razed for the construction of the new Liberty School.

Dave Eisen continues to try to find a picture of Roosevelt School which was located at 610 North Merrifield School in, which is now Borley Park. He said it was a portable school trundeled in from the original LaSalle School' used from 1926 through 1943, kindergarten through third grade. The library has copies of report cards of a guy who attended there. As soon as Battell School was built many of the kids transferred to there.

Ken Prince noted that the Mayor would like to get a list of all Mishawaka veterans who gave their lives during wars for a proposed memorial.

Ken Prince also noted that WNIT contacted the City for a Hometown production. They will need photos from the past, although he said there was no word on when they were needed.

ADJOURNMENT: 5:06 pm

Cliff Zenor, Chairman

Peg Strantz, Associate Planner