

Minutes

Indiana Historic Preservation Review Board

October 25, 2023, 1:30 P.M.

Fort Harrison State Park Inn & Conference Center, Roosevelt Room (Inn Building)

5830 N. Post Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46216

Board members present: Ryan Mueller (chair by proxy), Jason Larrison, Chandler Lighty, Anne Shaw, Scott Keller, Daniel Kloc, and Beth McCord (DHPA Director/Ex-Officio)

Staff members present: Paul Diebold, Holly Tate, Noah Sandweiss, Amy D. Ward

Visitors/Speakers present: Kurt Garner; Linda Naas, citizen from Westfield, IN; Mark Dollase, Indiana Landmarks; Bethany Natali, Weintraut & Assoc.; Lee Bilderback, Zoar Methodist Church; Bob and Chris Broughton, property owners in N. Pennsylvania St. Historic District, Indianapolis; Glory-June Greiff, Indianapolis

Call to Order

Chair Ryan Mueller called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. sharp.

Approval of July 2023 minutes

Larrison made a motion to approve the minutes, Shaw seconded, the motion was approved unanimously.

Division Director's Report

McCord reported about activities at the upcoming State Fair. Archaeology Month events were well attended, including both in-person and virtual presentations and other events. Preserving Historic Places conference set a record for attendance at about 300 persons. The conference will reconvene in October 2024 in Madison. Applications for HPF grants were open until early October. Twenty-one applications requesting 1.1 million dollars in total were submitted and will be reviewed by staff. DHPA has adopted a new policy relating to Rehabilitation Investment Tax Credit projects that involve listing of a property on the National Register of Historic Places. The policy regards timing of the nomination process, in conjunction with completion of the project. The policy is now posted on line on DHPA's website and board policy may be revised to reflect the policy at a later date.

II. National Register Applications

1. Zoar Public School, Zoar Methodist Church, Zoar Cemetery, 8818 West Old State Road 64 and Zoar Church Road, Dubois & Pike Counties (2717)
Diebold presented the staff comment. Shaw made the motion to approve, Kloc seconded the motion, the motion was approved unanimously.
2. North Pennsylvania Street Historic District, roughly bound by Westfield Boulevard on the north, the east side of New Jersey Street on the east, 46th Street on the south, and the west side of Pennsylvania Street, Indianapolis, Marion County (2722)
Diebold presented the staff comment. The Broughtons stated that they live on Central Avenue and asked about the process of notification and associated meetings. Diebold answered the question with assistance from Natali. Keller made a motion to approve, Larrison seconded the motion, the motion was approved unanimously.
3. Speakman-Miller-Kittle Farm, 10405 Old State Route 56, Rising Sun vicinity, Ohio County (2728)
Diebold presented the staff comment. Larrison made a motion to approve, Shaw seconded the motion, the motion was approved unanimously.

4. Baptisttown Historic District, Roughly each side of Evans Avenue and the east side of Linwood Avenue between Walnut and Lincoln, each side of Lincoln Avenue between Morton and Garvin, the west side of Garvin Street and each side of Elliott Street between Mulberry and Chandler, and each side of Governor Street and Line Street between Mulberry and Bellemeade Avenue, Evansville, Vanderburgh County (2729)
Diebold presented the staff comment. Shaw made a motion to approve, Larrison seconded the motion, the motion was approved unanimously.
5. Dr. Jefferson and Eliza Arnold Helm House, Rush County (2732)
Diebold presented the staff comment. Larrison made a motion to approve, Shaw seconded the motion, the motion was approved unanimously.
6. Chicago Mica/Continental Diamond Fibre Co./ANCO Factory, 350 S. Campbell, Valparaiso, Porter County (2799)
McCord spoke first and stated that this application was being taken out of order due to the tax credit project to revitalize the property and discussed the ramifications noted in Kurt Garner's letter to the board of October 12, 2023 (attached to these minutes). She stated that current board policy does allow for nominations to be taken out of order, if an "immediate threat" to the property exists, and she felt such a condition exists. The chair recognized Garner and he spoke in defense of the statements made in his letter. Shaw stated that she had reservations about the completeness of the National Register document as presented, especially since it appears that the rehabilitation is not complete. McCord also outlined the new National Register guidelines that DHPA has posted on its website regarding Rehabilitation Investment Tax Credit projects such as Chicago Mica and the timing for submitting National Register nominations for them. Hopefully this guidance will prevent future situations like the nomination under consideration. The board asked Diebold what information is needed to submit the application. Lighty felt the nomination should be tabled until the January meeting. Keller introduced a motion to approve the nomination and have staff submit it to the NPS, subject to inclusion of necessary materials for the application, as deemed so by staff. Kloc seconded the motion. Staff would then presented the staff comment. Larrison, Kloc, Shaw, and Mueller voted in favor, Lighty objected. The motion to submit the application carried.

III. Certificates of Approval

1. Quarterly progress report by INDOT in fulfillment of condition #9 of the certificate of approval to alter the Westfield Historic District and demolish or remove historic structures at 101, 102 and 103 S. Union Street and 111 E. Main Street to reconstruct State Road 32 in the City of Westfield, Hamilton County. The board accepted the report from INDOT without comment.

IV. Properties Listed in, Rejected by, or Removed from the National Register since the Last Notification

Listed

CARROLL COUNTY

North Street Viaduct, North St. overpass at US 421/39/Washington St., Delphi, SG100009295, LISTED, 8/28/2023

Sycamore Row, Old IN 29 from Deer Creek south approx. 1,300 ft to IN 29, Deer Creek vicinity, SG100009297, LISTED, 9/5/2023

CLARK COUNTY

Patterson Place Historic District, an area roughly bounded by Clark Boulevard on the west, Harrison (both sides)

on the north, Sunset (both sides) on the east, and Howard and Stansifer on the south, including each side of Patterson Avenue, Clarksville, 100009013, LISTED 7/7/2023

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY

Warner House-Warner Schoolhouse, Northwest corner of North and East Sts., North Webster, SG100009298, LISTED, 8/28/2023

MARION COUNTY

Bluff Road Historic District, Roughly on both sides of Bluff Rd. from Sprague St. to 4724 Bluff Rd., Indianapolis, MP100009292, LISTED, 9/1/2023 (German Market Garden Farms of Perry Township (Marion County), Indiana, 1867-1972 MPS)

MIAMI COUNTY

Godfroy's Addition Historic District, Roughly bounded by Ewing, 6th, Water, Canal, and Wabash Sts., and Clay St. between Main and 2nd Sts., Peru, SG100009293, LISTED, 8/30/2023

Peru Westside Historic District, Roughly bounded by 6th, Miami, 3rd, and Lafayette Sts., Peru, SG100009296, LISTED, 8/30/2023

PORTER COUNTY

Hour Glass Cottage, 8 Lupine Ln., Ogden Dunes, SG100009294, LISTED, 8/31/2023

Returned

None.

Rejected

None.

Removed

None.

V. Set date for the next meeting

Proposed date: January 24, 2024, 1:30 p.m., at Fort Harrison State Park Inn & Conference Center, Roosevelt Room (Inn Building), 5830 N. Post Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46216. Deadline for receipt of Certificate of Approval applications, December 15, 2023, 4:45 p.m.

Mueller adjourned the meeting at 2:19 pm.