

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
CLARKSVILLE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
FEB 13, 20233

A Regular Meeting of the Clarksville Historical Preservation Commission was held in the Executive Conference Room at the Clarksville Town Hall Administration Building on February 12, 2023.

Roll Call:

Members Present: President Lynn Lewis, Vice-President Jim Kenney, Terri Vance, Ted Branstetter, Cailen Medcraft, Karen Wilson, Ryan Ramsey, Karen Henderson

Member not Present: April Hauber

Advisory Members Present: Greg Sekula, Bob Glass, Michaelia Gilbert,

Appointed Staff Members: Amy Eversole, Neal Turpin, Elijah Beliles, Nathan Kane

Guests: Kevin Beatty, Town Manager, Jim Epperson, Southern Indiana Tourism

Approval of the Meeting Minutes

Lynn Lewis Calls for a Motion to Approve the Feb 13, 2023 Minutes. Jim Kenney motions to approve the minutes and Karen Henderson seconds the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

Completion of the Town Information forms

Lisa collected Employee Town Information forms and got copies of ID's. For those that did not bring in two forms of ID's, they must have them in by Friday February 17th.

Agenda Items

Colgate Property – On Feb 7th, the Town Council passed a Resolution to make an offer to Clarks Landing. They have until March 10, 2023 to accept or decline the offer. They have a 30-day option and can get another 30-day extension. They needed only 1 appraisal to back up the offer. Used a firm from Indianapolis. If offer is not accepted, we can use eminent domain. If we buy it, we will look for developer who has redone Historic Property Development. If accepted we have 60 days to pay and will take 9-12 more months of court if Dr Sheth refuses the offer.

Archive Items – The Transfer is Complete. For the Materials, some items were left in storage. The Clarksville Historical Society materials were moved into the closet.

Committee Updates on 2023 Projects

Driving Tour – The GIS System is in place. We are waiting on 4 more orations to complete the audio portion. It will roll out as soon as Main St is opened.

100-Year-Old Homes – Plaques are ordered. No challenges except on Howard Ave. Anticipated celebration date will be sometime in May.

Historical Neighborhoods – Each one takes about 18 months to get approved. Next three projects include: Francis Ave to Origin Park, Victory Court and Patterson Place. Paperwork is in process.

Dog Track – They have collected History, pictures, renderings. They are talking with the Weber Group (to work pro bono) to meet with the committee and offer ideas and opportunities.

Bell Tower – They will issue an RFP and give 30 days from Feb 14 to respond. Deadline will be March 14th.

Neighborhood Signage on Street Signs – They scheduled a meeting for next meeting at 3:00 pm

Veterans Project – Ted is working with Tony Bennett on what the banners will look like after getting suggestions from Ken Conklin. Cailen and Terri will continue to look for pictures. Have 14 of the 30 currently. We may have to have fewer banners for this go around.

Ohio River Scenic Byway Signage – Meeting after this Meeting

Buffalo Trace – Meeting after this Meeting

School Education Program – Parkwood School, Clarksville Elementary and Middle Schools and St Anthony's Elementary will be included. Teaching kits will be prepared. Topics will include Falls of the Ohio, Buffalo Trace, the State Prison, the Colgate Clock.

Literary Lookout – Still in Planning Stage

Fishing Industry – We are waiting on what the Sarles Family can offer from Jane's research. Ryan will reach out to them.

New Agenda Items to Add

Recognition of Floods – Currently we have visuals on the Colgate Property for the 1937 flood. We can collect photos and further discuss the best way to visualize the different flood measurements.

Mill Creek Bridge/Dam – We have previously discussed working with the dams on Mill Creek. The easiest access to Origin Park for the South End is by connecting the town and New Albany. One from North Clark is the most vital. This will be a drivable road to events in Origin Park and could generate up to \$600,000 in annual income to Origin Park. The Town has opportunities to get grants up to 80% of the cost up to \$2,000,000. These grants are complex and competitive. The concern is if we do anything on the Mill Creek Dams, it could jeopardize this road that cars can access. We are two years away from this road being constructed. State does have the SHAARD designation it needs. There are no engineer plans, no drawings and no options for the Mill Creek Bridge at this time included in this new construction. So, at this time, there is no need to pursue Mill Creek until more research is done. Kurt was going to add this as a standalone research, so we can reach out to Kurt can offer another free standalone property. Possibilities are the Bridge, Munich House, Kratz's house, Colgate School, Bel-Air Motel.

McCulloch House – Brian Bell are the new owner of the property. He had found a bunch of black and white pictures of possible members of the McCulloch family. They can possibly be added to Indiana Memories. The House will be an events venue, with might include a Farmer's Market.

Adjournment

Ryan Ramsey makes Motion to Adjourn. Karen Henderson seconds the motion. Unanimously approved

