

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
CLARKSVILLE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
March 13, 2023

A Regular Meeting of the Clarksville Historical Preservation Commission was held in the Executive Conference Room at the Clarksville Town Hall Administration Building on March 13, 2023.

Roll Call:

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

Advisory Members Present: Jeanne Burke, Bob Glass

Appointed Staff Members: Neal Turpin, Elijah Beliles

Guests: Jacob Arbitrol, BJ Lyndon-Nelson

Corrections to the Meeting Minutes

Lynn Lewis Calls for a Motion to Approve the Feb 13, 2023 Minutes. Jim Kenney motions to correct the Feb 13, 2023 Minutes under the Mill Creek Bridge/Dam to strike “Dam” so it only reads Mill Creek Bridge, and to Correct the sentence reading “State does have SHAARD designation it needs” to read “State does have SHAARD Designation”. Motion was made to correct Minutes by Karen Wilson and Motion was seconded by Karen Henderson. Motion passes unanimously.

Change of Attorney – Amy Eversole is moving to Ft Wayne to pursue a new job opportunity. Her replacement will be forthcoming.

Update on 2022 Projects

Driving Tour - Jacob gave us a preview of the digital driving tour, both visually and some of the audios. We talked about highlighting a house in Lincoln Heights with a picture, like the castle house. It was suggested to add in pictures of the new Clarksville Signs. We also need a new picture of the Clarksville Little Theater, which shows their recent renovations.

Colgate Property – Developers have asked for an extension to get their own property appraisal, which was denied. They do not intend to sell the property. We are going to proceed with imminent domain.

Archives - Meeting April 10, 2023 – Meeting will be held at the Clarksville Community Center. Bob Glass will share the archives with us. It was suggested to put locks on the doors where archives are housed.

Committee Updates on 2023 Projects

100-Year-Old Homes – Eight Houses have accepted the honor. Plaques are ordered and are the same price as last year. The plaques will be delivered in April and once received, the date for dedication will be set.

Historical Neighborhoods – We need more information on N. Clark/McKinley. We are still on board for Patterson Place to be approved in April. Karen will talk with Kurt for updates on the others.

Dog Track – Lincoln Crum has a cast iron dog make out of Civil War cannon balls that he would sell to the town to use in the park. The negotiated price has still not been agreed upon. Jim Dorn sent in a plaque suggestion to use on the wall. The committee is still looking for direction and advice on the best way to display pictures on the wall.

Bell Tower – No one responded to the RFP by the deadline. We are still looking for someone to give us a quote on moving the bell tower to its new location. We will ask Greg Sekula for help with Historical opinion. Will continue to look for someone to move the Bell Tower. Possibly Padgett?

Neighborhood Signage on Street Signs – The cost of the signs is less than what originally thought, so three more neighborhoods have been added. We will install 3 signs per neighborhood instead of the original decision to install 2 per neighborhood. They will be black and white. An example was shown.

Veterans Project – Putting the banners on Veteran's Parkway is not looking good. Other suggestions were Eastern Blvd., Town Hall, and Main St. Committee will meet to choose location after scouting the town for possible sights.

Ohio River Scenic – Jim Epperson is bringing the information of who did the original signs and what the costs will be. They are meeting after the HPC Meeting.

Buffalo Trace – We can not put any footprints on the road. The Committee is meeting after the HPC Meeting. Border stops at the flood wall and goes to Gutford Rd.

School Education Program – There are concerns with the school's lack of excitement. Only one school has responded so

far. Three short stories were sent to each school with no response. Jim will contact the schools again.

Literary Lookout – Jeanne Burke has researched information for the “Literary Lookout”. She has also discovered many famous/historical people who visited Clarksville, the river, and local casinos over the years. Examples are Clark Gable, Edward Buchanon, Eleanor Roosevelt, Al Capone, Tommy and Jimmy Dorsey, Aaron Burr, John James Audubon, Prison Reformist Dorothy Dix, General Joe Holt (from Kentucky), Sidney Smith Lyon who built the Octagon House. This is just in the planning stage. More to come.

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

New Business

Filson Society – They are expanding into the Ohio Valley and have reached out to two Hoosiers to join their Board. Madison Hammon and Jim Kenney have joined the board. There will be a President’s tour explaining their research, Ferguson Mansion, and their collections. They are looking collections to add to their archives. Jim suggested we all go take the tour. Dates and times will be presented at a later meeting.

Bridge – The 2nd Street Bridge is on the National Registry. We need to get the Pennsylvania RR Bridge, built in 170 on the National Registry.

Prison Cemetery – There is an unmarked grave from a Civil War Colonel buried at Colgate on 3/7/82 that Bob Glass has found a picture of. We will follow up on this.

Adjournment

April Hauber makes Motion to Adjourn. Karen Henderson seconds the motion. Unanimously approved