

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
CLARKSVILLE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

April 10, 2023

A Regular Meeting of the Clarksville Historical Preservation Commission was held in the Clarksville Community Center in Clarksville April 10, 2023.

Roll Call:

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

Member not Present: Karen Wilson

Advisory Members Present: Greg Sekula, Jeanne Burke, Diane Stepro, Bob Glass, Michaelia Gilbert

Appointed Staff Members: Neal Turpin, Elijah Beliles,

Guests: BJ

Approval of the Meeting Minutes

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

Agenda Items

Colgate Property – The current owners have asked for a 30-day extension to reply to the “eminent domain order”. They wanted 4 weeks, but were only granted 30 days. We hope by November, 2024, the 100th year anniversary of the “turning on of the clock” we will have the clock up and running. If accepted we have 60 days to pay. If not accepted, it will take 9-12 more months of court.

The May 8th Meeting will be held at the Clark County Museum in Jeffersonville.

Committee Updates on 2023 Projects

Driving Tour – The GIS System is in place. We are waiting on 2 more orations to complete the audio portion. It will roll out as soon as Main St is opened.

100-Year-Old Homes – Plaques are in Jim’s possession. Tentative date is May 17 at 7:00 pm, with May 18th being the backup date. It will be conducted at 402 W Stansifer Ave at the red and white house. It will start promptly at 7:00 pm.

Historical Neighborhoods –Patterson Place and No Clark have passed, and it looks like they will be dedicated in 2023. Lakeview we have made headway on, but it doesn’t look like it will be completed in 2023. Frances Avenue, we are waiting on language.

Dog Track – We have renderings and will vote next meeting to accept or not accept pictures for wall. The cannonball did not look as good in person, so committee will discuss that too.

Bell Tower – Greg will talk to a historic architect, Rob Schiller tomorrow. Padgett has been given a week to get back to us about possible moving the Bell Tower, including cost and how to protect it when moving. Weber group made changes suggesting frame structure at the bottom to be made of brick rather than block on a concrete base. It would be 8-10 feet tall. We are waiting on their bid.

Neighborhood Signage on Street Signs – The project is coming in under budget, including the increase in number of signs. Public Works ordered samples of the sign this week. Public works will put the signs up.

Veterans Project – Ted brought in a poster sample of what the banners will look like. We have received 17 pictures of the 30 people. All 30 people will have banners. Those without banners will display names, etc. Lot of interest from people wanting their family members displayed next year. Will discuss this more after this year’s banners go up. Will sent information to Ken Conklin about doing a press release. And Lynn will get with Brad Cummings about getting them to install the banners. We discussed having a ceremony when they are unveiled on May 26th. We don’t want to do a ceremony if we cannot have 50+ people in attendance.

Ohio River Scenic – Working with Peneer Graphics. Cost is \$ 350.00 each and we will need to do two of them at Ashland. A third sign may require a third stand, but it is thought there is an extra stand. Total cost would be \$1050.00 on a budget of \$5,000.00

Buffalo Trace – This project is at a standstill. We cannot put prints on the street.

School Education Program – Parkwood School, Clarksville Elementary and Middle Schools and St Anthony’s Elementary will be included. The film for Colgate has been edited from 1 hour to 14 minutes. Lewis and Clark Film has been ok’d to use for St Anthony School. Jane Sarles books sent to schools? All teachers and/or principals recommended getting back with them after Spring bread and tests. To date twelve stories have been written.

Literary Lookout— Discussed doing both audio and video for the benches via QR codes. Jeanne has discovered many famous people who sat on the banks.

Fishing Industry – Still waiting on what the Sarles Family can offer from Jane’s research. Fuller Family and “Fattty – Life on the River” details of saving people on the river by sounds of their voices. The original lifeguards were honored by Coast Guard. Jim has copy of the book.

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.

Visit to the Filson Historical Society – We are taking a group to visit the Filson Historical Society on April 14th at 5:00. So far, we have Jim, Lynn, Ryan and Terri and some from the Clarksville Historical Society.

Adjournment – Terri Vance makes Motion to Adjourn. Jim Kenney seconds the motion. Unanimously approved

Suggested New Projects for 2024

Flood Walls at the end of Main Street – Share pictures with a “you are there” vibe

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Historical Recognition for Railroad Bridge – Possibly incorporate the Fishing Industry with this project

Colgate Prisoner Cemetery – Diane and Jeanne are working on this. Frank Janckowich’s ancestor mentioned it. He was paid to promote Lincoln for President. He went to prison and died in 1879, per his obituary. Frank wants to put up a monument to show where the cemetery is. To date, we have been unable to locate this cemetery. Bob says there are two reproductions of pictures of the cemetery, but the exact location is unidentifiable from the pictures. Bob also has a blueprint of the property, but there is no indication of where the cemetery could be located. It is possible it is underneath the parking lot of the chemical plant. Jeanne will run the deed of when the prison was sold to Colgate to see if it tells anything.

