

**TOWN OF NEWBURGH  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES MARCH 12, 2015**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Lynda Browne; Steve Shoemaker; Chris Lunn; Troy Wells; David Wills; Jeff Cox; Tonya McGuire

**ADVISORY BOARD PRESENT:** Ken Hughes; Sue Morrison

**ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENT:** Lori Buehlman, Town Manager; Kristen Head, Attorney; Chris Wischer, Town Attorney

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Shoemaker called the meeting to order and asked for roll call.

**MINUTES**

Correction to the previous minutes: The speaker's name, Mr. Shoemaker said, for the Preservation Week Program is Phillip Hooper. His name was misspelled.

Mr. Wells moved to adopt the corrected minutes. Mrs. Browne seconded and the motion carried.

**REPORTS**

**Town Council Liaison**

Mrs. McGuire announced the Planning Commission tabled a decision as to rezoning the Williams' property for a Wal-Mart Neighborhood Grocery.

She asked members to take a few minutes to recall some memories of Jim Seibert. Mr. Seibert recently passed away. He had been on the Advisory Board for a number of years and active in Newburgh preservation.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Education and Outreach Committee**

Mrs. Browne said the goal of the Historic Preservation Week program is to educate political officials and local leaders as to the economic importance of historic preservation. The program will be May 14, 5 p.m. at Preservation Hall, with hearty hors d'oeuvres. Phillip Hooper, the former chief of Metro Development for Indianapolis and now an Evansville realtor, will be the speaker.

Ms. Buehlman recommended doing an email invitation immediately and asking for an RSVP, then mail those needed on May 1.

The Commission discussed awards for preservation. Usually a commercial and a personal award are presented at the annual Preservation Program. Mr. Shoemaker said he does not favor the HPC being involved in an award process, since someday those given the awards may some day in the future appear before the HPC with some kind of request. Mr. Cox agreed that awards are not under the auspice of the HPC. Mrs. McGuire said HPC should encourage HNI to present awards, but not make them feel like its necessary. Mr. Lunn will apprise HNI of the HPC decision.

Mrs. Browne said the invitations are ready, the food and set up/take down are planned and Mr. Cox and Mr. Shoemaker will emcee the program. HNI would like some help with promotions. She asked if HPC would like a hand out that informs about the general purpose of the Historic Preservation Commission.

Mr. Shoemaker suggested updating and reprinting a brochure.

Mr. Cox said there is a corps of 10-15 people who impact the town, one way or another. Mrs. Browne said she will earmark those people for phone calls from the HPC inviting them to the annual program. There was a question whether the museum would be open the evening of the program. Leanna Hughes said she will email the museum board, asking. She said usually for events there, the museum will be open before the event. She will let HPC know what the museum board decides.

Mrs. Browne thanked Ms. Buehlman for her help in planning the celebration.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. Buehlman said the COA request for a sign has been withdrawn. Instead, the operator will ask for a sign permit for the back of the building.

**COA 2015-HPC-01 Demolition/Doors/New Construction, 216 W. Jennings**

Ms. Buehlman said the request is for demolition of the old garage and building a new one; for new doors on the front and the balcony. The property is in the Historic District and within the C1 zoning. The owner, Dawn Morand-Onay, presented evidence that the 1950s concrete block structure has suffered

water and termite damage. She wants to replace it with a two car garage at the back of the lot. She plans to save undamaged wood from the garage. The plans indicate two doors, but she would prefer a single door.

The garage will be a post frame with metal exterior. Mr. Wills noted it appears on the plans that most of the garage will not be visible from the street. Mr. Wells said she plans it to be white, similar to his garage.

Mr. Wills objected to the black paint and the cupola vent. Mr. Cox asked what the guidelines list for garages. Mr. Shoemaker said he has no problem with the COA for the demo or the doors; however, he asked her to make the new garage as inconspicuous as possible and he would like it to be wood construction. Mr. Wills said the HPC needs to be consistent in allowed construction, but since this garage is not visible from the street, he does not object.

Mrs. McGuire said the guidelines say two garage doors are preferable to a single one, but most people prefer the two door design.

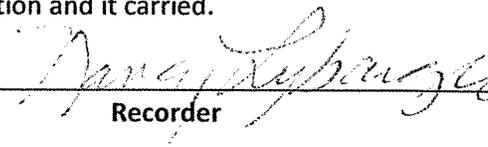
The door the owner wants to hang at the front is mahogany. She also wants to move the screen door to the balcony and get a solid glass door up there.

Mr. Wills moved to adopt the COA request for the demolition and the doors and for the garage, with consideration given to the HPC's suggestions: no cupola and do not use black paint. Mr. Wells seconded the motion and it unanimously carried.

**ADJOURN**

Mr. Shoemaker moved to adjourn. Mr. Wells seconded the motion and it carried.

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 Chair      6/11/15       Recorder