



HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Date, Time & Location:

Thursday, February 12, 2026 — 9:00 A.M.
Municipal Building - City Hall, 300 W. Lincoln St.

Board Members:*

Voting: Emily Hostetler • Ryan Detwiler • Jennifer Newcomer • Adam Slone • Quinci Julian
Non-voting (ex-officio): Todd Nunemaker, Secretary • Martha Owen

Meeting Agenda:

1. Call to Order

- a. Adam Slone called the meeting to order at 9:02 A.M.

2. Roll Call

- a. **Present:** Adam, Jennifer, Quinci, Ryan (Emily attended virtually)
- b. **Absent:** None
- c. **Also Present:** Todd Nunemaker (City Planner), Martha Owen (Nappanee Library), Dan Slaven (Assistant City Planner), Deb Parcell (Indiana Landmarks)

3. Approval of the Minutes from January 8, 2025

- a. **Motion:** To approve the minutes of the December 11, 2025, meeting as presented
- b. **Action:** Jennifer motioned to approve. Quinci seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Staff Report: Deb Parcell

- a. Deb presented information on Historic Tax Credits available at the national and state level; making distinctions between residential and commercial properties and various requirements for various tax credits and grants that exist for historic preservation.
 - i. Community communication - making HPC viable in the community

5. Petitions and Comments by Citizens

- a. None

6. Unfinished Business

- a. Adam, Ryan and Dan presented an outline of a program for the Awards Night, tentatively scheduled for May 5. Dan ran through the various awards that have historically been given out, with a review of some of the prior recipients. Emily Hostetler volunteered to host the Awards Night at Market Street Manor. Nominations for awards will be taken at the March meeting, as well as before

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voting in the April Meeting. Winners will be contacted after the April meeting, to arrange their attendance at the Awards Night if possible.

- b. The Design Standards Review Committee (Emily, Jennifer, Todd, Dan) updated the group on their discussions and review of the Indiana Landmarks template. They have been going through the documents by section, with a suggested completion timeline for the April meeting.
- c. Dan and Deb updated the group on a suggested change for the Window Rehabilitation Seminar. Todd Zeiger, who is presenting at the event, suggested moving the date to a weekday evening. The group discussed and agreed to change to March 30. This works still to be held at the Nappanee Center. Dan will work on posters to get out to the community.

7. New Business

- a. Dan presented the idea of an additional HPC event this year: an Eastside Historic District Workshop. Information was presented about this district already on the National Register. Conversation was had about this potential. Dan will work on a tentative program idea and move ahead with developing this further.
- b. Jennifer presented the application from the American Legion for their building. Discussion was had on this property; and potentially adding it as a local single-site historic district. Dan will make the application and other information available on the HPC digital drives. More discussion will be had at the March meeting.

8. Presentation

- a. Martha gave a presentation on the history of the Bechtel Building (current Neighbors Mercantile)

9. Announcements

- a. Next Meeting: Thursday, March 12, 2026, at Municipal Building
- b. Dietrich Building TRC report.
 - i. Adam and Jennifer were representatives from HPC to the Technical Review Committee for the Dietrich Building RFP sent out by the Redevelopment Commission. Update was given that the TRC sent a memo to RDC recommending Heritage Hospitality Group as the selected developer for the project.
- c. Deb announced Kendallville HPC meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 4:00pm. Nappanee HPC will try to work out a time to visit Kendallville at some point this year.
- d. Deb also shared Indiana Landmarks Open House next Tuesday at 4:00pm

10. Adjournment

- a. Adam asked for motion to adjourn. Quinci made a motion. Ryan seconded. All approved.