HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Date, Time & Location:

Thursday, July 14, 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 9:01am
2. **Roll Call**
    a. **Present**: Adam Slone, Ryan Detwiler, Emily Hostetler, Jennifer Newcomer
    b. **Absent**: Quinci Julian, Todd Nunemaker
    c. **Also Present**: Martha Owen (Nappanee Library), Dan Slaven (Assistant City Planner)
3. **Approval of the Minutes from May 14, 2026**
    a. **Motion**: To approve the minutes of the March meeting as presented
    b. **Action**: Jennifer motioned to approve. Emily seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
4. **Staff Reports**
    a. Dan Slaven reviewed the upcoming HPC trip to Kendallville, shared two options of agenda/schedule for the visit to the Kendallville HPC meeting. Discussion by the group on what would be the best schedule. Dan is working on transportation; may just carpool to Kendallville. Dan shared information on the upcoming Eastside Historic District Seminar on August 22. Justin Mast, at Coppes Commons has offered space for seminar in the Upper Room at no charge. Refreshments will be purchased through Coppes Coffee. Dan shared costs related to postcard invitations to the event. 193 properties to be mailed a 6x9 postcard. $100+shipping for card printing, $158+ for postage. Refreshments cost estimate $250 Dan requested approval to spend appropriate money for the event. Adam Slone called for a motion to approve expenditure. Ryan moved. Jennifer seconded. All approved.
    Dan then shared information on the Indiana Landmarks October Regional Panel, to be hosted by Nappanee, in the Dietrich Building. This will be various

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commissions from across Northern Indiana. Date options were discussed, either Monday 5th or Tuesday the 27th by the group. Martha shared that there would be a conflict with the use of the museum lights if October 5th is chosen. Emily asked if Visit Nappanee Christmas Market will be a conflict. Dan stated set up will not be until Oct 30. The group consensus was that Monday the 5th of the month of October is the better date. Dan will communicate the chosen date with Deb. Final schedule will be set by Indiana Landmarks.

5. **Petitions and Comments by Citizens**
    a. NONE
    b. Chair, Adam Slone, recognized Chloe, Nappanee Museum intern.
6. **Unfinished Business**
    a. Preserving Historic Places Conference in Franklin, Indiana. Jen expressed in going, but does not want to hinder anyone else from attending since she did last year.
7. **New Business**
    a. NONE
8. **Presentation**
    a. Martha Owen gave a presentation on the history of Nappanee Public Library, and its changes over the year.
9. **Announcements**
    a. Dan Slaven shared potential upcoming updates to the Depot: Open Door is considering a request to put in a generator. That would come before HPC for comment and approval. Roof repair/rehabilitation options of the south dormer window are still being investigated. This will come before HPC for approval before final selections are determined
    b. Next Meeting: Thursday, August 13, City Hall - 9:00 a.m.
10. **Adjournment**
    a. Adam called for a motion to adjourn. Ryan motioned to adjourn. Jennifer seconded. All approved. The meeting adjourned at 9:49 a.m.

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