

June 4, 2019

The Historic Preservation Commission of the Town of Corydon, Indiana met in the Town Hall, 219 N. Capitol Avenue, Corydon, Indiana, on the 4th day of June 2019.

The meeting was called to order by Adam Burkhardt at 6:00 PM.

The members of the Commission present or absent were as follows:

Present:

Adam Burkhardt - *Chairman*

Tim Johnson – *Vice Chairman*

Eva Bates North – *Member*

Barbara Scharrer – *Member*

Absent:

Janet Bischoff – *Member*

Laura Renwick – *Advisory Member*

Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Eva North made a motion to approve the May 7, 2019 minutes except for the date in the first paragraph and the misspelling of Barbara Scharrer's name. Barbara Scharrer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed the application regarding 601 North Capitol Avenue. Nick Clark, the owner of the property and Ronnie Allen, Mr. Clark's contractor showed the Commission drawings of two different ways the stairs they wanted to build could come off the side of the proposed upstairs apartment and go around towards the rear of the structure so that the stairs wouldn't be in a Town easement. The Commission discussed Mr. Clark's application in light of the Town's historic preservation guidelines. Chairman Adam Burkhardt stated his concern that it would likely be impossible to construct the proposed stairway and landing in such a manner that it would comply with the historic preservation guidelines. Mr. Clark did not provide any examples of historic homes with such features as he proposed to construct, nor was any member of the Commission familiar with any historic residential structure that had such features. Adam Burkhardt also emphasized that the Commission's duty is to preserve the outward appearance of the historic structures in the Town, that property owners are free to undertake any and all remodeling they desire so long as it does not impact the outward appearance of the structure as viewed from a public way, and that making an exception in this case would set a bad precedent which could impede the Commission's ability to adhere to the historic preservation guidelines in future matters. Adam Burkhardt also distinguished this circumstance, where a prospective landlord desired to construct a set of wooden stairs and a landing to serve as an entryway to a third apartment for the purpose of increasing rental profits, from other circumstances where the Commission has been willing to make departures from the historic preservation guidelines out of necessity, such as giving

leniency to residents dealing with financial hardship who need to make repairs to their personal residence, or the need of a homeowner to construct a wheelchair ramp for a disabled or elderly family member. After a brief discussion Tim Johnson made a motion to deny the request for a COA as it did not conform to the historic preservation guidelines. Barbara Scharrer seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Ronnie Allen then talked to the Board about a project he would be working on soon. Eva North suggested he work with Susan to get an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness before the Board at the next meeting.

The Board then discussed the proposal from Indiana Landmarks for creating updated Guidelines that were more user friendly than the current guidelines. They felt Indiana Landmarks gave a quote that was very inexpensive for the work that was going to be done. Barbara Scharrer made a motion to hire Indiana Landmarks to redo the guidelines contingent on the Corydon Town Council agreeing to fund the project. Tim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Eva North made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Barbara Scharrer seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 6:49.

DATED: _____

SIGNED: _____

ATTEST: _____