

## HISTORICAL PRESERVATION

February 28, 2023

REGULAR MEETING

### ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Chairman Paul Bremer asked for the roll call to be conducted. Members in attendance and absent are listed below:

*Bremer announced that Grace Benninger has resigned from her position and Josh Watson was appointed as the new Planning & Zoning Administrator and Luke Frick as the new Assistant Planner.*

**Members Present:** Chairman Paul Bremer, Jolene Bolinger, Todd Kabella, Laura Sauerman, Jim Kendall

**Members Absent:** Richard Oesterle, Jim Crisman

**Staff Present:** Landmarks Advisor Blake Swihart, Executive Secretary Josh Watson, Assistant Planner Luke Fricke, Recording Secretary Jenni Pause

Nochevich requested a motion to appoint a new Executive Secretary. Jim Kendall motioned to elect Josh Watson as the Executive Secretary. Jolene Bolinger seconded the motion. With a roll call vote of 5 Ayes, 0 Nay, and 0 Abstentions, Watson was elected as the Executive Secretary for the Historic Preservation Commission.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Bremer requested a motion to defer the minutes for November 2 and November 9, 2022 meeting. Bremer noted the correction with the meeting time. Todd Kabella motioned to approve the meeting minutes with the correction. Bolinger seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken by a vote of 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstention, the motion passed, and the meeting minutes for November 2 & November 9, 2022 were approved.

Bremer called for a motion to add Petition # 23-02 to the agenda. Bolinger motioned to add the petition to the agenda. Kendall seconded the motion. With a roll call vote of 5 Ayes, 0 Nay, and 0 Abstentions, Petition 23-02 was added to the agenda.

### OLD BUSINESS

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **23-01 Pete & Ryanne Dicola, Petitioner/Owner**

**Request:** Certificate of Appropriateness

**Purpose:** Exterior Paint & Renovation

**Location:** 357 South Main Street

Pete Dicola, 357 S. Main St., came before the Board and provided an overview of the petition. Dicola detailed the colors and where they would be located.

Kendall asked Dicola to verify that they are planning on painting the limestone base. Dicola stated that is the final step they are not sure yet, he is waiting to see how it looks. Dicola stated they will not be painting the limestone; they would be staining it. Kendall asked if they have tried power washing the limestone. Ryanne Dicola, 357 S. Main St., came before the Board and stated they have not tried power washing it yet but would be willing to try it. Kendall asked for verification of the colors and what they would be used on. R. Dicola physically pointed out which color samples would go where on the house.

Indiana Landmarks Advisor Blake Swihart messaged in that he had no issues with the paint colors and locations.

The Board agreed they are ok with the colors. Kendall stated they are going to ask that they not do anything with the limestone, that they try power washing it first and if they does not work they can request an ad hoc committee to come out and look at it. Bremer asked the petitioners if they were ok with that. Dicola agreed.

Bremer entertained a motion for the Finding of Facts for this petition. Kendall motioned to approve Petition #23-01 as presented with the color samples provided and the locations of the specific colors detailed by Dicola minus the foundation. Kendall stated the foundation should be power washed and come back to the Board if anything additional needs to be done to the foundation. Bremer recommended contacting Swihart if they have any additional questions regarding the foundation and what can be done. Bolinger seconded the motion. With no further discussion, Chairman asked for roll call. With a roll call vote of 5 Ayes, 0 Nay, and 0 Abstentions, regarding the Finding of Facts for Petition #23-01 was approved.

Bremer entertained a motion for the Certificate of Appropriateness for this petition. Bolinger motioned to approve #23-01. Kabella seconded the motion. With no further discussion, Chairman asked for roll call. With a roll call vote of 5 Ayes, 0 Nay, and 0 Abstentions, regarding the Certificate of Appropriateness for Petition #23-01 was approved.

### **23-02 Crown Point Records, Petitioner/Owner**

**Request:** Certificate of Appropriateness

**Purpose:** On Building Signage

**Location:** 112 North Main Street

Watson stated the petitioner got the application in a little late and would not be present at the meeting. Watson provided a rendering of the proposed signage for the Board to look at.

Kendall asked what the material of the sign will be. Watson stated he can find out.

Swihart reported he had no issues with the sign as long as it meets city ordinance.

Bremer entertained a motion for the Finding of Facts for this petition. Bolinger motioned to approve Petition #23-02 as presented for a red matte finish sign. Kabella seconded the motion. With no further discussion, Chairman asked for roll call. With a roll call vote of 5 Ayes, 0 Nay, and 0 Abstentions, regarding the Finding of Facts for Petition #23-02 was approved.

Bremer entertained a motion for the Certificate of Appropriateness for this petition. Kendall motioned to approve #23-02. Bolinger seconded the motion. With no further discussion, Chairman asked for roll call. With a roll call vote of 5 Ayes, 0 Nay, and 0 Abstentions, regarding the Certificate of Appropriateness for Petition #23-02 was approved.

### **Misc. and Public Comment**

Kendall asked Watson for an update on the petitioner they talked about fining. Watson stated that was handed over to the Legal team and they are handling it.

Bremer stated he spoke with Watson about putting time limits on approvals due to the old Safehouse building receiving an approval over two years ago and nothing has still been done and the building continues to deteriorate. The Board and Staff discussed the petitioner in question and the history of the site.

Bremer stated he has concerns with structure outside of Prime Steakhouse, he witnessed an individual trying to push someone in a wheelchair that had a hard time going around the enclosure because there was barely enough room to get around the tree because of the size of the enclosure. Watson stated that is a temporary structure that was approved by city Council. Watson stated they will go out and check to make sure they have proper distance to meet ADA compliance.

Kendall stated he also saw an enclosure going up at PBR, the old Diamond Jim's . Watson stated he was not aware of that one.

Bremer stated the enclosure at Tavern is small and he is ok with that but the one at Prime is too large and too far out on the sidewalk.

Kendall stated those type of items should come before the Historic Preservation Commission as well.

Bremer asked about the Vape Shop next to Safe House and wanted to know if he was given a timeline for fixing the wood. Watson stated the owner will get the safety issues taken care once the weather improves.

Kendall brought up the financial place in Fleming's building with the sticker over the whole window. Watson stated at this time he feels ample time has been provided to correct that and will start the process to send a violation.

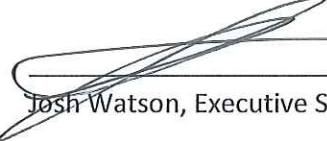
#### ADJOURNMENT

At 6:29 p.m., Chairman entertained a motion to adjourn. Kendall motioned to adjourn, seconded by Bolinger.

#### ATTESTMENTS OF MEETING MINUTES

The above minutes were approved and adopted by majority on the 27 day of March, 2023.

  
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Paul Bremer, Chairman

  
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Josh Watson, Executive Secretary