

Harrington Historic Preservation Commission

Minutes of January 18, 2020

Post and Office 9-10 AM

Members: Karen Allen, Aileen Sweet, Heather Slack, Nathan Luck, Leslie LePere, Dianne Sanchez, Geoffrey Talkington

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:16 AM

Attendance:

Commission members present: Karen Allen, Nathan Luck, Heather Slack, Leslie LePere, Dianne Sanchez, Aileen Sweet

Visitors: Karen Robertson, Jerry Allen

2. Reading/ Approval of minutes of 10/12/2019

Karen made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted, Heather seconded, the motion carried.

3. Additions

4. Unfinished Business

- a. **Memorial Hall facade improvement project 2020:** It was decided that we would keep this on our agenda under unfinished business moving forward and do some exploratory investigating to see what is under the facade as well as do some necessary planning in 2020. There may be grant funding available and we can work on this as time allows.
- b. **Design Review:** Karen has done some research and will put together a COA (Certificate of Appropriateness) to present at the next meeting for approval.
- c. **Bylaws:** This item was tabled for the time being pending completion of the historic district planning.
- d. **Harrington Historic District:** Karen will contact Kim Gant to see if we can schedule a video conference as soon as possible to discuss the formation of our historic district. Karen will get a couple of dates/times for the conference with the weekend being the best time. The next step would be to have Kim come to Harrington and do a workshop for the HHPC, building owners and community.

5. New Business

- a. **Elections:** As per the Bylaws, Page 2, the election of a chair and co-chair shall be held at the regularly scheduled February meeting (or first meeting of the year). Officers are elected for a one year term, not to exceed 2 years. Dianne Sanchez moved that Nathan Luck be elected chair, Aileen Sweet seconded the motion, the motion carried. Nathan Luck moved that Heather Slack be elected co-chair, Aileen Sweet seconded, the motion carried. Heather Slack moved that Karen be elected recorder, Dianne Sanchez seconded, the motion carried.
- b. Les LePere presented three project topics for 2020 that he is willing to spearhead:
 - 1) Ghost sign restoration on buildings in Harrington - Les has raised funds for ghost sign restoration and will continue to do so to restore the Garage sign on the Studebaker shop, the Hotel sign on the Harrington Food Mart, and the two Hotel signs on the Hotel Lincoln. All building owners have been consulted and are excited to have this restoration done. The goal is to get as much done by the annual car show in May.
 - 2) Highway sign in vintage car - Les is working on the idea of getting a sign and vehicle to direct people to Harrington from Highway 28.

- 3) Stone pillar placement in Harrington Town Square - Les will organize the effort to get one pillar moved and placed in Harrington Town Square as per the landscape architectural design. The second pillar may also be moved once a location has been determined. Nathan Luck will present our minutes to the Harrington City Council to keep them alerted to the progress happening.

6. Other business:

As part of the HHPC 2020 goals, it is planned to have an organized presence in the City Hall with information, historic photos, local nominations, records, etc. easily accessible by the commission, new/existing building owners and patrons. This would also include information from other civic groups in Harrington. Les would like contributors to the sign restoration project to be honored in this area of the City Hall. Karen Allen has volunteered to help set up this area with other members of HHPC. Karen Robertson has offered to help with filing and organization.

Dianne Sanchez proposed a volunteer project to improve the facade (clean and paint) at the Gilliland building that previously housed the Harrington Historic Preservation meetings. She would also like to display items relevant to preservation in the windows. Les and Nathan have also volunteered to help if this proposed project is approved by the owner.

Heather brought up an idea about HGTV that may be helpful to the downtown central business district. She will follow up with Karen on details.

7. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 am - Next meeting is April 18th, 2020 - 9-10am @ the Post and Office.

2020 Calendar: Our meeting dates for 2020 are set as follows - January 18th, April 18th, August 22nd, and October 24th, 2020. All meetings to take place at the Post and Office unless otherwise specified, from 9-10am.