

PEP Meeting Feb. 21st, 2011

Swanson Center

Meeting called to order by Ron at 7:17

Members Present: Ron McAtee, Gordon & Jodell Johanson, Clara Lawrence, Christine Rosario, Tim Stabosz, Joyce Cook, Dean White, Bob Boklund

Motion to accept Previous Minutes: Juan Puente name corrected from Juntas. New Business – 3 changed to: HPC (not PEP) needs a legal ruling through the state ... 3a. changed to: Would the city consider rescinding order on designating 1108 Indiana Ave. in lieu of Historic Preservation Interests going into litigation. Eliminate 3b. Change 3c. to correct Pep to PEP and re-designate 3c. to 3b. MOTION to accept minutes, Jodell 2nd Tim PASSED

Treasurer's Report - reminder, NO Bills will be paid without a receipt/invoice.

Jan. 16th, 2011 checking \$8709.23 / Feb. 17th, 2011 checking \$6596.93

Committee Reports

Membership: Ron gave Jodell invoices to mail to unpaid PEP Members. Christine will follow up with phone calls as a reminder.

Nomination: Tim Stabosz, Don Bowman and Bob Boklund announced:

For PEP President - Ron McAtee and Juan Puntas

For Vice-President –

For Treasurer – Jodell Johanson and Clara Lawrence

For Secretary - Gordon Johanson

Old Business:

1008 Michigan Ave. (Clara, Project Manager)

- a. Clara, Juan and Domingo agree that the boiler needs to be pressure tested as there is no water, gas or electric to the boiler.
- b. Paul Hayden would like a paint demonstration in April.
- c. City Officials told Ron that the sidewalk in front of 1008 needs to be cleared of snow during inclement weather.

516 Lincolnway: (Gordon Johanson, Project Manager)

- a. Basement lights in place and working. Temporary lights 1st floor in place and working, back wall insulated and drywall up (not finished), beams and flooring on 1st floor rear and 2nd floor rear in place and mini wall next to basement stairs roughed in.
- b. Building still without: water lines from basement to 1st and 2nd floors while ceiling is open, electric throughout 1st and 2nd floor, heat of any type, facade stripped and painted and the “Tin Ceiling” closed and painted.
- c. We’re still pursuing the elusive “wood windows” the city insists we use.

Old Barn:

- a. Ken Baker advised Jodell that he tried to contact Kay Felton, County Home Manager, three times but failed. He will keep attempting to contact Kay.
- b. Dean White has information of companies that restore and straighten old barns. One individual, Jim Telenko, “The Barn Man” (320) 224-5100.

New Business:

- a. Enabling Act of Indiana would have to be amended through Indiana Legislation to have any home de-designated. Indiana Landmarks Commission was going to notify City Council that litigation WOULD be going forward IF City wants to pursue de-designation.
- b. Announcement: Lincolnway Highway Celebration is asking if PEP would like to donate \$500.00 and be involved in the celebration at the Laporte Depot.
- c. MOTION: Donate \$500.00 to the Lincolnway Highway Celebration. Tim, 2nd Bob Boklund. PASSED
- d. National Register Project: (Laporte Library to Kingsbury). Historic Landmarks Commission (HPC) is requesting PEP spearhead the project, HPC will assist. 51% of homeowners MUST say No. QUESTION: Is PEP willing

to replace HPC in the National Register Project? Request is tabled until next meeting.

- e. Ron is running for City Council, 3rd Ward, Juan Puentes is running for City Council, 4th Ward and Tim Stabosz is running for City Council At Large. Good Luck to all!

Motion to adjourn, Jodell, 2nd Gordon at 8:43.

Ron McAtee, President
People Engaged in Preservation

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Sent: Fri, March 11, 2011 7:40:24 AM

Subject: Agenda for March 17 and Feb. Minutes

Agenda PEP MEETING

Feb 7th, 2011 Swanson Center 7 pm

Previous Minutes

Treasurer's Report -- reminder that NO bills will be paid without a receipt

Committee Reports

Membership Committee: Dues are now past due if you haven't paid

Nomination Committee:

Old Business.

1. 1008 Michigan - Clara
2. 516 Lincolnway - Gordon

3. Old barn on County Home property

New Business

1. De-designation and moratorium

Announcements

1. Other: Lincoln Highway Celebration donation \$500, National Register take over

PEP Meeting Minutes

Jan 10, 2011 Swanson Center

Meeting called to order by Ron at 7:07

Member Present: Ron McAtee, Clara Lawrence, Gordon & Jodell Johanson, Ken Baker, Tim Stabosz, Juan Funtos, Dean White and Joyce Cook

Motion to accept minutes: Dec. 20 Committee Report, HPC a. to be corrected to: Mayor is intending to appoint a councilman to be a liaison to the HPC and spelling of Realty to be corrected under Old Business, 1008 Michigan Ave "a.". MOTION: Accept minutes, Tim, 2nd Jodell. PASSED

Committee Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Checking: \$12,669.15

Membership Report: None. Ron is intending to send out invoices

- a. All prizes were given to winners by Clara

- b. Tour write up was sent to the Herald Argus awaiting publishing
- c. Tour suggestions to be entered into PEP Minutes
- d. Outstanding Tour advertisements \$400.00. Tim will follow up
- e. PEP will be looking for another carriage company
- f. Juan volunteered to collect "Ad" money for 2011 Tour AND meet with local bank managers for sponsorship for Tour 2011

Old Business:

1008 Michigan Ave.:

- a. Has been cleaned out in main room
- b. Ron got lights and two receptacles working
- c. Clara volunteered to Project Manage 1008 Project

516 Lincolnway:

- a. 95% cleaned out
- b. Windows on second floor MUST be wood. Ron checking out window manufactures. Need at least three bids

New Business:

1. County Home Barn

- a. Dean suggests we ask the County Commissioners to repair the old barn located on the County Home Property as it is the first building visitors coming to LaPorte will see.
- b. Ken Baker will be asking the National Barn Alliance if they would be willing to assist the County in repairing the barn

- c. Dean also said there was a beautiful barn located just off US 421 by the Toll Road that is need of repair. He will follow up
1. Nominating Committee for the election of officers. Nominated/volunteered were Tim Stabosz, Don Bowman and Bob Boklund
 2. 1406 Indiana Ave wants to be undesignated. Designation Ruling: Much confusion. PEP needs a legal ruling through the state for un-designating homes
 - a. Would City consider rescinding order on 1410 Indiana PRIOR to PEP going into litigation
 - b. Please redirect authority to PEP as PEP was director of the ordinance
 - c. MOTION Joyce: Pep is in the consensus that de-designation by the City Council is not Appropriate. PEP therefore, is preauthorizing an initial \$5000.00 expenditure for legal counsel on behalf of the Historic Preservation Commission to prevent de-designation of historic properties in the City of LaPorte. 2nd Gordon PASSED

Motion to adjourn by Gordon, 2nd Clara at 9:25