

**MINUTES OF THE HOBART HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
MARCH 16, 2021**

THE MEETING OF THE HOBART HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:29PM.

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** TIFFANY TOLBERT, PAULA ISOLAMPI, CHRIS KOSOVICH, RITA MCBRIDE, TOM EHRHARDT, PETE MORIKIS

**STAFF:** ROSS PIETRZAK (ZONING), BRAD MILLER (IL)

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL – ALL PRESENT**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JANUARY 19, 2021**

MS. ISOLAMPI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR JANUARY 19, 2021. MR. EHRHARDT SECONDED; MOTIONED CARRIED.

**ACCEPTANCE, ADDITIONS, OR AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA**

MR. EHRHARDT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PROVIDED. MS. ISOLAMPI SECONDED; MOTION CARRIED.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**HHPC 21-02    PETITIONER: KERRY WILSON, CONTRACTOR  
REQUEST: CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS  
PURPOSE: FAÇADE RENOVATION  
LOCATION: 347 MAIN STREET**

MR. KERRY WILSON WAS IN ATTENDANCE TO DISCUSS THE PROPERTY AS GENERAL CONTRACTOR. MR. WILSON EXPLAINED THE PROPOSAL INCLUDES REPLACING THE WOOD IN THE SIGNAGE AREA AND A STEEL POST AT THE CORNER THAT SERVES AS STRUCTURAL SUPPORT. MS. TOLBERT ASKED FOR DETAILS ON THE POST. MR. WILSON SAID THE POST IS LOCATED ON THE OUTSIDE AND IS WRAPPED WITH ALUMINUM, BUT IT ALSO VISIBLE FROM THE INSIDE. MS. TOLBERT ASKED IF TUCKPOINTING WOULD BE PERFORMED. MR. WILSON SAID THE BRICK WOULD BE TUCKPOINTED AND THE CORNER WOULD BE REBUILT WHERE THE BRICK HAS FAILED.

MR. EHRHARDT ASKED FOR MORE DETAILS ON THE PLYWOOD. MS. TOLBERT EXPLAINED THE EXISTING WOOD PANELING IS ROTTED AND IT WOULD BE REPLACED. MR. WILSON SAID THEY WOULD USE A ¾" TREATED PLYWOOD. MR. EHRHARDT ASKED ABOUT THE END FINISH. MR. WILSON SAID THE NEW SIGNAGE WOULD BE UP TO THE TENANT AND HE WAS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THAT ASPECT OF THE DESIGN. MR. PIETRZAK STATED THAT ANY PROPOSED SIGNAGE WOULD HAVE TO COME BACK FOR REVIEW.

MS. DAWN HOSTETLER [CITY OF HOBART ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT] ASKED FROM THE AUDIENCE ABOUT THE COLOR OF THE WOOD. MR. WILSON SUGGESTED A GRAY OR ALMOND COLOR, BUT WOULD BE OPEN TO SUGGESTIONS. MS. TOLBERT SAID AN OFF-WHITE OR BEIGE WOULD WORK UNTIL SIGNAGE IS READY. MR. WILSON SAID THE WOOD WOULD BE ALMOND FOR THE PURPOSES OF APPROVAL. MS. TOLBERT COMMENDED THE EFFORTS OF MR. WILSON FOR GETTING THE PETITION SUBMITTED.

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Ms. Tolbert called for the staff report. Mr. Miller provided the staff report. The property, 347 Main Street, is a contributing structure within the Lake George Commercial Historic District. Description of the project is as follows: repair and repoint masonry; retain existing window frames and doors, and replace glass; remove security door from door #3; replace corner post and wrap with new aluminum to match existing; install treated plywood and trim for signage area; paint almond color. The repair of the exterior masonry, in-kind replacement of the glass in existing doors and windows, and replacement of the corner post wrapped in new aluminum to match existing are all appropriate measures to repair existing fabric on the building. The in-kind replacement of the original steel door is also appropriate. The security gate/door located in front of door #3 is not original to the building and its removal is appropriate. The proposed sign panel respects the original design intent of the façade and is appropriately comprised of wood and will be primed for paint. Staff recommends approval as submitted as all items are in keeping with the Design Guidelines for the Lake George Commercial Historic District.

Ms. Tolbert reminded anyone making a motion that the change in paint color be specifically noted. Mr. Kosovich made a motion to approve as submitted with the amendment that the wood signage area would be painted an almond color. Ms. McBride seconded; motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS – NONE**

**STAFF COMMENT**

Mr. Pietrzak provided updates on 131 Center Street and 447 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, as requested at a previous meeting by Mr. Ehrhardt. Mr. Pietrzak said that code enforcement visited both properties and no action was taken. Code enforcement encourages the public to file their concerns so that it can be filed into the record.

Mr. Miller said that staff from Indiana Landmarks' Indianapolis office asked about the Norge Balls in Hobart and Gary, which were signs from the Norge Village Laundry & Dry Cleaners business that operated throughout Chicagoland. Several commission members expressed their memory of the business and Mayor Brian Snedecor from the audience stated that he knows the previous owners of the Norge property in downtown Hobart.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Isolampi announced that the Hobart Historical Society has re-opened the museum for the public.

Ms. Tolbert noted participation in Humanities on the Hill through Indiana Humanities, including Ms. Isolampi's video thanking Congressman Mrvan for the financial support the Historical Society received.

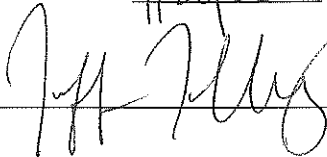
Several commission members thanks the Mayor for the investment and improvements around Lake George.

Ms. Isolampi made a motion to adjourn. *MEETING ADJOURNED*

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NEXT MEETING: FEBRUARY 16, 2021

MINUTES APPROVED ON 4/20/2021

CHAIRMAN 

ATTEST 