Lafayette Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes
June 29, 2020
7:00 p.m.

This meeting of the Lafayette Historic Preservation Commission took place online via GoToMeeting due to the COVID-19 pandemic and Governor Holcomb’s shelter-in-place orders beginning Tuesday, March 24. All government offices are closed to in-person public activity until further notice. All nonessential City employees are working remotely whenever possible and are continuing to provide core functions online and by phone. All necessary meetings are being conducted observing safe practices, including conference calls and online streaming (https://www.youtube.com/user/CityofLafayetteIN/live).

Commission Members in Attendance: John Burns, Julie Ginn, Kevin Klinker, Sean Lutes, Shawna McCully, Patti Morgan, Amy Paget, Glen Vick and Kurt Wahl

Staff in Attendance: Jacque Chosnek, John Collier, Michelle Conwell, Dann Keiser, (Andy Milam and Rob Blue from City IT Department for technical support)

Guests: Patrick Grimes, Jasmine Norris-Dixson

Call to Order
Noting a quorum, President John Burns called the meeting of the Lafayette Historic Preservation Commission to order at 7:01 pm.

John Collier thanked everyone for joining the online GoToMeeting and gave a brief overview of the online meeting process and stated that all votes must be by roll call to be in compliance with Governor Holcomb’s guidelines for online public meetings.

Approval of the Minutes
Kurt Wahl moved to recommend approval of the of the May 18, 2020 meeting minutes. Patti Morgan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

New Business

Public Relations and Education Committee report
No report was made by the Public Relations and Education Committee.

District Committee report

1675 Main Street
A petition to establish the property at 1675 Main Street as the Local Vickery/Norris-Dixon - 1675 Main Street Historic District was submitted by property owners Devin Dixson and Jasmine Norris-Dixson. Jasmine Norris-Dixson spoke about the history of the property and its past owners which included a past City Council president, Jacob Link. The house is an example of Victorian stick style architecture. Dann Keiser, Historic Preservation Officer, confirmed that designation of the property as a local historic district would be appropriate. Amy Paget made a motion to approve the petition, Kevin Klinker seconded. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

324 Tinkler Street
A petition to establish 324 Tinkler Street as the Local Perrin/Pizzagalli-Silva 324 Tinkler Street Historic District was submitted by property owners Steven Silva and Deborah Pizzagalli-Silva. This property is currently located in the Perrin National Historic District. Shawna McCully presented the petition and supported approval. Dann Keiser stated that the property has maintained its historic features and recommends
approval. Julie Ginn made a motion to approve the petition, Amy Paget seconded. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

COA Committee report

COA applications:

526 Main St
This COA, presented by the owner’s representative, Patrick Grimes of Cube & Company, is to replace the existing non-original (replacement) aluminum-clad windows on the two upper floors (2nd and 3rd). The proposed windows are to be Marvin, aluminum-clad, single hung windows (fixed upper sash to look like a double hung window but with operable lower sash). Instead of the existing windows that are 1 over 1, the proposed windows are to be 4 over 4 with an exposed grid, similar to the existing windows on the adjacent building at 530 Main Street. Dann Keiser stated that the windows are compatible with existing windows in the area. Glen Vick made a motion to approve the application, Kevin Klinker seconded. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

530 Main St
This COA, presented by the owner’s representative, Patrick Grimes of Cube & Company, is for the removal of the existing non-original, first floor storefront on 530 Main Street. Renovation of the building is in the early stages so the owner doesn’t have finished plans for the new storefront at 530 Main Street completed yet, but he intends to build a new storefront in the future that will be compatible with the historic architecture and similar to the adjacent storefront at 532 Main Street. Julie Ginn made a motion to approve the application, Patti Morgan seconded. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Staff Report
John Collier noted that the Historic Preservation Commission Ordinance authorizes staff to approve smaller scale projects on behalf of the Commission without taking them through the normal COA process. Three building signs and one handrail project have been approved by staff. Dann and John approved all projects which included hand railing at Duncan Hall. The railing meets ADA requirements and matches the details of the current railing on the porch. The painted brick signage at Ripple & Co. (1007 Main Street) was previously approved at the July 2019 HPC meeting as part of the new building COA, but a new and separate blade sign that will be attached to the face of the building was not approved at that time so it was approved by staff. Finally, new signage was also approved by staff for two sides of Downtown Dental at 676 Main Street. This signage will be metal with a black matte finish in place of the current bowed plywood signs.

Public Comment
No public comment was received via email to web-ed@lafayette.in.gov prior to the meeting. (Public comment by email is consistent with Governor Holcomb’s guidelines for public comment during the COVID-19 crisis.)

Adjournment
There being no further business to bring before the Commission, Kevin Klinker moved to adjourn the meeting. Sean Lutes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote and the meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was adjourned at 7:31pm.

Respectfully submitted
Michelle Conwell, Recording Secretary

Approved:
Glen Vick, Secretary
Historic Preservation Commission