

Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

Wednesday, April 12, 2023 – 6:30 P.M.

Present: Peggy Herman, John Fuller, Lou Picek, Dana Gafeller, Liz Seiberling, Karen Suchomel

Elected and Approved Dana Gafeller as Chairperson of the WB Preservation Commission.

Elected and Approved Liz Seiberling as Vice-Chair of the WB Preservation Commission.

Elected and Approved Karen Suchomel as Secretary of the WB Preservation Commission.

Moved by Lou Picek, seconded by John Fuller, all I's. Motion carried.

Reviewed and approved the sign permit from Rock Valley Physical Therapy at 103 N Downey as long as the dimensions are in compliance. Moved by John, 2nd by Peggy. All I's. Motion carried.

Reviewed and approved the sign permit and decals from White Pumpkin at Main Street as long as the dimensions and decals are in compliance. Moved by Peggy, 2nd by Lou. All I's. Motion carried.

Certified Local Government status: Adam reported the plan was updated last year in 2022. It is in Adam's hands now. He needs to re-sign the applications and plans to submit the application in the fall, September/October. Adam has enough staff, the inventory is updated and the ordinance is ready. Adam has an architect, a planner and an artist and feels this is a well rounded board.

Traveler's Rest status: Adam talked with Pete Swisher at the National Park Service after finding out that the consultants he has contacted are unable to perform any information gathering until the late fall. Pete says that the NPS could designate the Traveler's Rest property could be designated as a type of Historic Park. With this designation, additional funding could be secured. Ranger Peter Hoehnle will be available to work on information gathering of James Townsend and Traveler's Rest story later this summer.

WB Planning and Zoning has, also, been talking about the Historic Preservation Commission designating Historic residential districts in WB.

The Historic Preservation Commission also discussed future action items to talk over at the July meeting including: Hoover Medallion homes with tours and maps and sharing this info with the WB Community Schools, WB Public Library and with Main Street WB.

The Historic Preservation Commission accepted Adam's report on CLG status and Traveler's Rest status.

Future meeting dates for the Historic Preservation Commission are listed below:

Wednesday, July 19, 2023

Wednesday, October 11, 2023

Wednesday, January 10, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Suchomel, Secy