West Branch Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

Wednesday, July 19, 2023 @ 6:30 pm

City Council Chambers

Present: Peggy Herman, Lou Picek, John Fuller, Dana Gafeller, Liz Sieberling, Karen Suchomel.
Adam Kofoed, City Administrator, was also present.

The Commission reviewed the Nuisance Letter sent to Hoover Fine Arts @ 102 W. Main Street.

The Commission agreed that we needed an application for the additional "Gallery" signs. We had received an earlier application for the original signs at the front of the building but not for the new signs placed on the corner of the building.

Additional discussion centered on letting new businesses in the Historic District know that there is a sign ordinance that seeks to preserve the time and place of the Historic District between the 1870's through 1916. Jessi Simon at Main Street knows. Adam will remind her.

Certified Local Government update: Adam has the additional inventory of houses in WB from 50 years ago and is working on the application. The State knows that WB is going to be sending in their application. Adam is working of finishing up the final details. The application is due in September.

Traveler's Rest update: Adam will take copies of the abstract that belongs to the property of the Traveler's Rest and forward to the NPS for their nomination information. The abstract start date is from 1851.

Hoover Medallion Homes update: letters are being drawn up to be sent to Hoover Medallion Homes in WB. These homes were in existence when Herbert Hoover lived in West Branch in his formative years.

Commission discussion: the Commission will review the sign standards worksheet for discussion to be at the next meeting.

Next meeting dates:

Wednesday, October 11, 2023

Wednesday, January 10, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Suchomel, Secy