

Minutes: Ogden Dunes Historic Character Preservation & Standards

Date: March 24, 2021

Location: Zoom Meeting

Meeting called to order at 6:06 P.M. CST

Present: Lois Braatz, Doug Cannon, Kathy Kniola, Judy Petrou, Jenifer Wilson

Absent: ODHA Representative

1. Appointment of Committee
 - a. Agreement that the committee will stand as previously appointed
 - b. ODHA representation will be essential
2. Discussion of focus for 2021
 - a. Historical Society – Focus will be on the moving exhibits downstairs, expanding exhibit area to include garage, rewiring and maintaining the historic aesthetic of the building
 - b. Beautification Committee – Multiple projects and ideas are being presented to Lois and the committee from different sources. Lois will proceed with a meeting of interested parties and HCPS to discuss the historic character standards and how new ideas fit into the standards and the priorities of Beautification and HCPS. This meeting will be held outdoors with social distancing.
 - c. Lois reported that the welcome sign in town has been targeted by Women's Club as a project they wish to sponsor. Lois and Jenifer will meet with Women's Club to finalize a visual to be created
 - d. Street Department – Doug recommended providing ample time and specific instructions for projects we need completed by the Street Department as they will need to build our work into their schedule.
 - e. Green Space – Doug reported that several residents have discussed removal of Invasive species and the need to have appropriate indigenous replacement plants. A new natural plant specialist has joined the Environmental Committee (Frank Lani) who may add value to our efforts as well. Judy will ask a member of the Historical Society to connect with Frank or the Purdue extension of the Porter County Master Gardeners for the Historical Society Building landscaping efforts.
3. Doug reported that the council and planning committee are open to our plans and projects and suggested approaching the council individually first, then to the council at a Town Council meeting.
 - a. Our focus will be to educate them about HCPS,

- b. Ask them to help us ensure standards are understood and followed
 - c. Suggest and present a plan for work completed in time for the Town's 100-year anniversary celebration in 2025.
- 4. ODHA
 - a. ODHA partnership is essential and efforts will be made to educate and engage them in ensuring the Town's historic character standards are understood and used.
 - b. ODHA has purchased new benches for Kratz Field. Kathy will invite appropriate members of ODHA to a call with HCPS to discuss the standards and placement ideas for the benches
 - c. We will also solicit a liaison to HCPS from ODHA
- 5. Doug reported that Hillcrest Road is targeted for paving soon and has a new idea for reducing the amount of pavement and increasing green space at the Town's entrance. Jen will review the plan.
- 6. The Community Fund is a source of revenue for HCPS projects and will be utilized in 2021

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.