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FINANCIAL STATEMENT EXAMINATION REPORT

OF

MERIDIAN STREET PRESERVATION COMMISSION

July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2015



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SCHEDULE OF OFFICIALS

<u>Office</u>	<u>Official</u>	<u>Term</u>
Chairperson	Kathleen Blackham	07-01-13 to 06-30-17
Treasurer	Kevin Swiontek (Vacant) Michael Dunn	07-01-13 to 08-31-13 09-01-13 to 09-30-13 10-01-13 to 06-30-16



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

TO: THE OFFICIALS OF THE MERIDIAN STREET PRESERVATION COMMISSION

We have examined the accompanying financial statement of the Meridian Street Preservation Commission (Commission), for the period of July 1, 2013, to June 30, 2015. The financial statement is the responsibility of the Commission's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statement based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and, accordingly, included examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the financial statement and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As discussed in Note 1, the Commission prepares its financial statement on the prescribed basis of accounting that demonstrates compliance with the reporting requirements established by the Indiana State Board of Accounts as allowed by state statute (IC 5-11-1-6), which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The effects on the financial statement of the variances between these regulatory accounting practices and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material.

In our opinion, because of the matter discussed in the preceding paragraph, the financial statement referred to above does not present fairly, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position and results of operations of the Commission for the period of July 1, 2013, to June 30, 2015.

In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position and results of operations of the Commission for the period of July 1, 2013, to June 30, 2015, on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

*Paul D. Joyce*  
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State Examiner

July, 11, 2016

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## FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND ACCOMPANYING NOTES

The financial statement and accompanying notes were prepared by management of the Commission. The financial statement and notes are presented as intended by the Commission.

MERIDIAN STREET PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
 STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CASH AND INVESTMENTS BALANCES -  
 REGULATORY BASIS  
 For the Years Ended June 30, 2014 and 2015

	2013-2014	2014-2015
Cash and investments, July 1	\$ 2,317	\$ 3,066
Receipts:		
Case Fees	2,218	2,152
Total receipts	2,218	2,152
Disbursements:		
Public Notice Publications	649	358
Association Dues	40	100
Recording Secretary Fees	675	825
Miscellaneous	105	-
Total disbursements	1,469	1,284
Excess (deficiency) of total receipts over (under) total disbursements	749	868
Cash and investments, June 30	\$ 3,066	\$ 3,934

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the schedule.



MERIDIAN STREET PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Reporting Entity

The Commission was established under the laws of the State of Indiana. The Commission provides the following services: preserve and promote restoration of unique and historic residential areas; specifically, a portion of Meridian Street in Indianapolis, Indiana. Funds needed to operate the Commission are obtained through the collection of fees and from donations. The Commission received its initial funding from a grant (\$2,000) from Eli Lilly in September 1972. The Commission consists of nine volunteer members, two appointed by the Mayor of Indianapolis, and seven by the Governor. These members hold monthly meetings to hear petitions from Meridian Street property owners. The owners must file a petition to obtain approval for any zoning variances or to make any changes in appearance of their property.

The accompanying financial statement presents the financial information for the Commission.

B. Basis of Accounting

The financial statement is reported on a regulatory basis of accounting prescribed by the State Board of Accounts in accordance with state statute (IC 5-11-1-6), which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The basis of accounting involves the reporting of only cash and investments and the changes therein resulting from cash inflows (receipts) and cash outflows (disbursements) reported in the period in which they occurred.

The regulatory basis of accounting differs from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, in that receipts are recognized when received in cash, rather than when earned, and disbursements are recognized when paid, rather when a liability is incurred.

C. Cash and Investment

Investments are stated at cost. Any changes in fair value of the investments are reported as receipts in the year of the sale of investment.

Note 2. Deposits and Investments

A. Deposits - Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the government's deposits may not be returned to it. The Commission does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk. The Commission deposits were only insured up to \$250,000 by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation.

B. Investments - Custodial credit risk for investments is the risk, that, in the event of failure of the counterparty to a transaction, the Commission will not be able to recover the value of the investment or collateral securities that are in possession of an outside party. The Commission does not have a formal investment policy for custodial credit risk for investments. The Commission's investments are held in the name of the Commission.

Note 3. Cash Balance

The Cash balance at June 30, 2013, as reported in the Commission's prior Report B44162, was \$2,317.