
Staff members present: DHPA Director Dr. James Glass, Paul Diebold, Amy Walker, Frank Hurdis, Karie Brudis, Holly Tate, Miriam Widenhofer, Chad Slider, John Carr and Shane Whittington (Governor's Fellow). Susan Judy, DNR Admin Pool.


Call to Order
Vice-Chairman John Newman convened the meeting at 1:30 pm., in the Indiana Government Conference Center Conference Room A.
The agenda was stated by Vice-Chairman Newman.
Minutes from March 4, 2009 were approved after William Selm requested a correction concerning the resurvey of Franklin County and John Newman expressed concern about verb tense inconsistencies. Frank Hurdis also requested a revision in the minutes that would read as follows: “Paul Diebold explained that other January National Register agenda items will be postponed until the April meeting. There was insufficient time to re-notify parties regarding National Register properties before the March meeting.”

The motion to approve was made by Richard Butler and seconded by William Selm. The motion passed.

Vice Chairman Newman called for the Division Director's Report from Dr. Glass.

Division Director's Report:
I. Introductions
Glass introduced Shane Whittington, a Governor's Fellow, who is spending the next three months with DHPA, part of his year-long experience interning in various departments of state government.

II. Courthouse Preservation Advisory Commission
The Courthouse Preservation Advisory Commission held its organizational meeting on April 8. The members were enthusiastic about their mandate and discussion began on which parts of their mission to emphasize first. There will be three committees formed—Communications, Education, and Technical Assistance—and the Commission will decide on a strategic plan for the next three years at its July 1 meeting.
II. Preservation Month 2009
Amy Walker has been working hard, together with our new Outreach Committee, to provide special ways to mark Preservation Month 2009. We have had a significant response from across the state to our fifth annual Historic Preservation Month photo contest, and professional photographers will assist us in judging the results. After the meeting today, Board members will have an opportunity to judge the submissions in the division office. There is a calendar of all the events held during Preservation Month statewide, and posters are being distributed illustrating this year’s theme, “Preservation in Progress.” Also, we are continuing to provide water bottles for fitness events during Preservation Month and coordinating with the Governor's IN-SHAPE Indiana program.

III. Cemetery Restoration Workshops
Jeannie Regan-Dinius, Director of Special Initiatives, has organized four workshops, both beginning and advanced on cemetery preservation and restoration, through a cooperative agreement with the Indiana Historical Society. The first two workshops will be held May 1 and 2 in Southport, Indiana, and the second two on August 22 and 23. Those completing the training can apply for and receive a permit from our office for probing and restoring fallen cemetery headstones and grave memorials.

IV. Information on Confirmed Sub-grants for FY 2009
Steve Kennedy, Assistant Director for Administration, Financial Incentives and Planning, provided the board members with an up-to-date summary of FY09 grant funding.

V. Meetings in Other Parts of State
We had a successful meeting in New Harmony last July and would like to continue to hold at least one meeting per year around the state. Because of the state’s financial downturn in revenues, we would suggest deferring the next such meeting until July, 2010. We received an invitation last fall from the City of Whiting to hold it in the historic Community Center there.

National Register Applications

1. Polk Street Terraces Historic District, 404-422 & 437-455 Polk Street, Gary, Lake County (1946)
   Paul Diebold gave staff comments. Harry Murphy noted the lack of a sketch map in the materials available online. A motion to approve was made by Kent Schuette, seconded by William Selm, and passed.

2. Jackson-Monroe Terraces Historic District, 404-423 Jackson Street and 408-426 Monroe Street, Gary, Lake County (1947)
   Paul Diebold gave staff comments. Again, the lack of sketch map in the online materials was noted. A motion to approve was made by Harry Murphy, seconded by Julie Donnell. The motion passed.

3. Monroe Terrace Historic District, 304-318 Monroe Street, Gary, Lake County (2088)
   Paul Diebold gave the staff comments. The lack of sketch map was noted. A motion to approve was made by Donald Cochran and seconded by Kent Schuette. The motion passed.
4. American Sheet & Tin Mill Apartment Building, 633 West 4th Avenue, Gary, Lake County (2101)
   Paul Diebold gave the staff comments. William Selm noted in Section 7, on page 1 the use of “Colonial Revival” style. He questioned whether or not that was the most precise style designation. Also, he noted on page 2 that the term “weaved” should be changed to “woven”. A motion to approve the application was made by William Selm and seconded by Julie Donnell. The motion passed.

5. USS LST 325, docked at 840 LST Drive, Evansville, Vanderburgh County (2083)
   Paul Diebold gave the staff comments. A motion to approve the application was made by Harry Murphy and seconded by Donald Cochran. The motion passed.

6. Gibson Company Building, 433-447 N. Capitol Avenue, Indianapolis, Marion County (2096)
   Paul Diebold gave the staff comments. A motion to approve the application was made by Julie Donnell and seconded by Kent Schuette. The motion passed.

7. Traders Point Hunt Rural Historic District, roughly bounded by SR 334, I-865, Old Hunt Club Road and CR 850 E, Zionsville vicinity, Boone County (2085)
   Paul Diebold gave the staff comments. A motion to approve the application was made by William Selm and seconded by Kent Schuette. The motion passed.

8. Traders Point Eagle Creek Rural Historic District, roughly bounded by I-865, I-465 and Lafayette Road, Indianapolis vicinity, Marion and Boone Counties (2105)
   Paul Diebold gave the staff comments. A motion to approve the application was made by Richard Butler and seconded by Julie Donnell. The motion passes.

9. Ohio Falls Car and Locomotive Company Historic District, 300 Missouri Avenue, Jeffersonville, Clark County (2081)
   Frank Hurdis gave staff comments. An owner objection letter was received for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. A motion to approve the application was made by Harry Murphy and seconded by William Selm. The motion passed.

10. HCS Motor Car Company, 1402 North Capitol Avenue, Indianapolis, Marion County (2091)
    Frank Hurdis gave staff comments. A motion to approve the application was made by William Selm and seconded by Julie Donnell. The motion passed.

11. South Frankfort Historic District, roughly between Walnut Street, Prairie Creek, Meredith, and Columbia Streets, Frankfort, Clinton County (2093)
    Frank Hurdis gave staff comments. A motion to approve the application was made by Donald Cochran and seconded by Kent Schuette. The motion passed.

12. Salmon Turrell Farmstead, 3051 Snow Hill Road, West Harrison, Franklin County (2098)
    Frank Hurdis gave staff comments. A motion to approve the application was made by Richard Butler and seconded by William Selm. The motion passed.

13. Chenoweth-Coulter Farm, 7067 S. Etna Road, LaFontaine vicinity, Huntington County (2102)
    Frank Hurdis gave staff comments. Julie Donnell asked if additional acreage that historically has been part of the farm could be added as part of the listed property. Frank Hurdis explained that depending on the integrity of the additional land, it in some cases can be included but otherwise it would be challenged by the National Register staff. A motion to approve this application was made by Harry Murphy and seconded by Donald Cochran. The motion passed.

14. Ora Adams House, 301-303 East Main Street, Danville, Hendricks County (2103)
    Frank Hurdis gave staff comments. A motion to approve the application was made by Richard Butler and seconded by Julie Donnell. The motion passed.
15. Lincoln School, 600 West North Street, Greenfield, Hancock County (2104)
Paul Diebold gave staff comments. William Selm asked about some needed clarification in Section 8, on page 15. He also noted typos in Section 8, on pages 9 and 11. John Newman added that in Section 8, page 9, the reference to the Pennsylvania Rail Road should be checked because it was his belief that the railroad was not in existence at that time. Stan Palma, representing the Lincoln Park Developers, commented on the school/gymnasium and answered William Selm’s question about the use of the gym. A motion was made to approve by William Selm and seconded by Donald Cochran. The motion passed.

16. Switzerland County Courthouse, 212 West Main Street, Vevay, Switzerland County (2134)
Paul Diebold gave staff comments. Kent Schuette asked about whether or not a local district exists. John Newman wanted the record to show that the documentation made by Paul Diebold and Frank Hurdis was excellent and they deserve the thanks of the board. It was pointed out that the Underground Rail Road site at the courthouse has not been confirmed and that should be noted. A motion was made by Richard Butler and seconded by Kent Schuette. The motion passed.

State Certificates of Approval

1. Application by DNR, Division of State Parks and Reservoirs, to build a staff break room cabin near Pioneer Village, Spring Mill State Park, Lawrence County
Paul Diebold gave staff comments. William Selm asked whether or not the cabin would be plumbed. Ben Clark, St. Parks, was available to answer questions but did not know the answer to the plumbing question. John Newman asked about what the roofing material would be but Clark did not know the answer at the time. After brief discussion, a motion to approve was made by Julie Donnell and seconded by Kent Schuette. The motion passed.

2. Application by the Indiana War Memorials Commission to replace the existing observation level enclosure and the steel structure used for attaching holiday cables and lights on the Soldiers and Sailors Monument, Monument Circle, Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana.
Frank Hurdis gave staff comments. Dr. Glass acknowledged General J. Stewart Goodwin, Executive Secretary of Indiana World War Memorial, and Tom Coulter of the Department of Public Works. Mr. Coulter introduced Jason Larrison, staff architect for DPW. Mr. Larrison explained the history, current conditions of the observation deck and discussed staff concerns about the new system to accommodate hanging cables and lights at Christmas. Victoria Emery, of Arsee Engineers, explained the new cable connection/anchoring system. Several questions were asked concerning how moisture would be removed, the cornice above the observatory and the HVAC system. All questions were answer by Mr. Larrison. A motion to approve was made by William Selm and seconded by Julie Donnell. The motion passed.

Properties Listed in, Rejected by, or Removed from the National Register since the last Notification
Properties listed: None; Properties rejected: None; Properties removed: None

Set date for the next meeting
Mr. Newman noted the Proposed date: July 29, 2009, IGCS, Conference Room A, 1:30 p.m. (EDT).

Deadline for receipt of Certificate of Approval applications: Friday, June 12, 2009, 4:45 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned 3:05 p.m. (EDT) by Vice-Chairman John Newman.