

**City of Evansville Historic Preservation Commission
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, March 18th, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.
3rd Floor City Hall, 31 S Madison Street, Evansville, WI 53536**

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order.** Stephans called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

2. **Roll Call:**

Members	Present/Absent	Others Present
Chair Dan Stephans	P	Colette Spranger, Community Development Director
Vice-chair Kelly Shannon	P	Tanner Van Driesse
Vicky Norton	P	Logan Wilberding
Gene Lewis	P	Richard McGaw
Norman Barker	P	
Amy Corridon	P	
Steve Christens	A	
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3. **Motion to approve the agenda as written by Norton, second by Barker. Motion carried unanimously.**

4. **Motion to waive the reading of the minutes from the February 18, 2026 and approve them as printed by Barker, second by Norton. Motion carried unanimously.**

5. **Civility Reminder.** Stephans noted that the meeting would be conducted civilly, as is the Commission’s habit.

6. **Citizen appearances.**

- Kristopher Evans, 245 W Church, attends to discuss his carriage house on his property. The structure is in very poor condition. Stephans recommends an application to demolish the building if the applicant can also apply with a replacement building to mimic the existing carriage house in mass and other physical features.

7. **Action Items.**

A. 20 S First Street – Replace Front Door (HPC-2026-06)

Tanner Van Driesse and Logan Wilberding are in attendance. They would like to replace their front door with a wider one they found which matches the original width of the doorframe. They provide photographic evidence.

Motion to approve the application by Christens, second by Norton. Motion carried unanimously.

B. 15 Antes Drive - Ice Age Trail Alliance Kiosk at Grove Society (HPC-2026-07)

Discussion on placement of the kiosk relative to the Antes Cabin and Grove Society museum. Nearer the road is un-ideal, as the state plans to reconstruction Madison Street in 2028. There is a desire to have the kiosk apart from the museum space, as it may impede Grove Society's ability to expand its grounds and programming. Commission wishes to emphasize that it is in favor of Commission wonders if across the drive is a better location but there are concerns about utilities. Spranger will look into utilities and talk with park employees about potential placement.

Motion to table the application by Christens, second by Norton. Motion carried unanimously.

C. 122 S First – Appeal of conditions for HPC-2025-219 – Replace Wood Siding with Vinyl

Richard McGaw attends to appeal the condition on his 2025 application to re-side his original wood with vinyl. The request was granted due to automobile damage. Insurance is covering the cost of vinyl replacement but not recreation/restoration of the woodwork around the bay window. McGaw is paying for a painter to repaint the trim work under the eaves. Stephans asks if there are changes from the original application. McGaw replies no. Stephans asks if commissioners have questions. Negative. Commissioners state that the original material can be replaced.

Motion to deny the appeal by Barker, second by Christens. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Discussion Items

A. Historic District Signage

Spranger discusses an offer from Van Driesse for historic district signage. The City started a historic district signage project on top of street name signs back in 2017, but a handful of locations do not have the signs. Spranger asks Commission if they would like to see the remainder of these signs go up, if funding can be secured. General consensus that this was a good idea.

B. Youth Center Site Discussion – Demolition and Replacement

The Youth Center at 209 S First Street is needing removal. The building is in terrible condition with extensive water damage. The roof was compromised before the April 2025 hailstorm and was not repaired after. The building is in the historic district. Commissioners asked about what should be put in its place. Less a concern about building design versus high quality materials, preferring smart side or cement board over vinyl.

C. WRC Monument at Boy Scout House in Leonard-Leota Park

A monument once at the park is in need of placement. Spranger asks if anyone remembers how it was previously at this location. No answers, but Stephans recalls a globe on top of one of the flagpoles is also missing.

9. Report of the Community Development Director.**A. Staff Approved Certificates of Appropriateness**

- 134 W Church – Reroof, Re-side in kind with vinyl (HPC-2026-02)
- 21 W Liberty – Reroof, gutters (HPC-2026-03)
- 341 W Main – Reroof (HPC-2026-04)
- 126 Garfield – Reroof, gutters, replace siding in kind (HPC-2026-05)

10. Correspondence, Comments and Concerns. None.

11. Next Meeting Date: April 20, 2026, 6:00 p.m.

12. Motion to Adjourn by Christens, second by Barker. Passes Unanimously.