

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
MICHIGAN CITY HISTORIC REVIEW BOARD
SEPTEMBER 28, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Elizabeth Bigda called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Elizabeth Bigda, Janet Catchings, Werner Graf, Frances Metcalf, Julie Manner, John Pugh, Chris Schwanke

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT

John Nickels, Tom Przybylinski

NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

None

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Ron Bensch, John Newcomb

VISITORS PRESENT

Brian Bergeron, 718 Cedar Street
Adrian Williams, 4072 N Fox Hollow Drive, LaPorte
Derrick & Karen Dirks, 436 E 8th Street
Martha Maust, 418 E 8th Street
Russ Hatfield, City of Michigan City Code Enforcement Officer
Neil Kienitz, 423 E 10th Street

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 24, 2009 was made by John Pugh – seconded by Janet Catchings and unanimously APPROVED.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letters were presented to the Board at the meeting from property owners Robert Cellini, 509 E 9th Street; Jason Senner, owner of two 9th Street properties; Mark and Deborah Sherman, 810 Cedar Street supporting the demolition of 509 E 9th Street and 310 Lafayette Street. Also presented to the Board was a letter from neighbors of the Elston Grove Neighborhood with petitions signed by Elston Grove residents supporting the two demolitions.

CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS

ON SITE APPROVALS BY ELIZABETH BIGDA, TOM PRZYBYLINSKI & JOHN PUGH:

426 E 9th Street Request by Rich Richey to re-roof and remove dead Pine tree

224 W 10th Street Request by Alan Vesely to replace roof, fascia and gutter, and downspouts

817 E Michigan Boulevard Request by John Newcomb to re-roof and repair front steps and deck boards

817 W 7th Street Request by Peter Lange to replace trim boards

417 E 9th Street Request by Lula Valdez to repair roof

714 E 10th Street Request by Cary Dominoski to re-shingle roof

410 Wabash Street Request by Adrian and Joy Williams to repair basement wall

1017 Franklin Street Request by Kevin Brown to remove overhang and replace front with stone-like face and new sign

PRESENTED TO BOARD:

711-713 Cedar Street Brian Bergeron presented plans to connect the two homes, addition to rear and porch, new windows, siding and shingles. Motion to approve by Chris Schwanke – seconded by John Pugh. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

410 Wabash Street Request by Adrian Williams to remove porch and repair foundation. He will return to Board with plans for exterior renovation. Motion to approve by Chris Schwanke – seconded by Janet Catchings. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

714 E 10th Street Cary Dominoski unable to attend meeting. Motion made by Chris Schwanke and seconded by John Pugh to advise the owner to contact Board for on-site approval of planned materials. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

509 E 9th Street Request by Russ Hatfield, Michigan City Code Enforcement Officer, to demolish house. Visitors Martha Maust, Derrick & Karen Dirks, and Neil Kienitz in support. A motion to approve was made by Werner Graf – seconded by John Pugh. AYES: Elizabeth Bigda, Janet Catchings, Werner Graf, Frances Metcalf, Julie Manner, John Pugh NAYS: Chris Schwanke MOTION APPROVED BY A VOTE OF 6 AYES AND 1 NAY

310 Lafayette Street Request by Russ Hatfield, Michigan City Code Enforcement Officer, to demolish vacant and dilapidated house. Strongly supported by neighbor Neil Kienitz. A motion to approve was made by Werner Graf – seconded by Janet Catchings. AYES: Elizabeth Bigda, Janet Catchings, Werner Graf, Frances Metcalf, Julie Manner, John Pugh NAYS: Chris Schwanke MOTION APPROVED BY A VOTE OF 6 AYES AND 1 NAY

MAINTENANCE REVIEW

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Visitors Derrick and Karen Dirks questioned the Boards' decision to approve vinyl siding use in the Historic District.

Julie Manner led the Board's explanation and reasons.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Werner Graf – seconded by John Pugh and unanimously approved.

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

/s/ Julie Manner, Secretary