

## COLLINSVILLE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes, Wednesday, August 13, 2025

### A. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Hines called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM

### B. ROLL CALL:

Present, Lois Metzger, Lavadna Hines, Scott Rayho, Kathy Ulkus, Jeremey Martin, Larry Shasteen, Alene Hill,

Absent: Erik Illies, Jeff Luner

Also Present: Associate Planner - Joseph Williamson, Applicants - John Galvin and John Leskera (Including Dana Leskera), & various members of the Mississippi Valley Library Board, including its chair, Paul Welsh.

### C. SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR:

1. None

### D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Scott motioned approval of the June minutes; seconded by Alene Hill.  
Unanimous approval of minutes.

### E. NEW BUSINESS:

- None

### F. OLD BUSINESS:

- None

### G. PUBLIC HEARING:

- Public hearing on items COA 25-03 & COA 25-04 were presented to the commission and public, with the commission opting to approve the following:

- COA 25-03 (Kennedy House – 401 E. Church Street):
  - HPC voted unanimous approval for the balcony demolition and reconstruction at 401 E. Church Street, with conditions that the six (6) columns supporting the structure shall be changed to appear more ornate in design. The applicant will return an updated rendering to staff to be approved.
- COA 25-04 (Blum House - 414 W. Main Street):
  - HPC voted 6 “ayes” to 1 “abstention” on the project. Lois Metzger noted that she was on the library board, so abstained from voting either way. The approval consisted of conditions that allowed staff to approve minor changes that were made to the building in regard to safety regulations. Paul Welsh from the Library Board gave a small history of the house to clear up any discrepancies.

#### H. STAFF REPORT:

- Associate Planner, Joseph Williamson gives an update on the Columbian School demolition and discussed the bricks on site with the commission. Jeremy Martin offered to store some pallets of bricks in Rich’s Tire, which he is currently renovating, if needbe.

#### I. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS:

- Lois’s Landmark Spotlight:
  - Lois talked about the history of the Bruno House & The Kemper-Jackstadt House, both on Vandalia Street.
- Friends of D.D. Collins House Update:
 

Chair Hines provides an update the D.D. Collins House.

  - Tomatoes have been eaten, as have the squash.
    - Still ended up with 145lbs of food donated to the Food Pantry
  - Milkweed Garden is flourishing

- Scarecrows are due on D.D. Collins House property for the event by the first week of October.
- Scott's Miners' Theatre Update:
  - First show is end of September – 80's, 90's Music
  - Ozzy show is now November/December
  - Rocky Horror Picture Show sales as well as the KSHE classic show are selling well.
- Lavadna also mentioned the stairs behind Miners' is being used as parking during festivals and needs to cease. This as well as Lavadna not having parking for the festival days when she works in her shop.
- Larry & Jeremey's Historical Museum Update
  - Historical House Tour in November
  - Italian Fest booth
  - "Night at the Museum" – October 16<sup>th</sup>

J. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:

- N/A (another COA Hearing if submitted prior to deadline for September meeting)

K. ADJOURNMENT:

- Lois Metzger moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Kathy Ulkus. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote. Adjournment at 7:36 PM.