

Historic Preservation Commission

Summary of 2014 Activities
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Fran Gotcsik (2016)
Robin Hargrave (2017)
Rose Reynolds (2018)
John Rutkowski (2014) (not renewing)
Martha Sempowski (2015)
Robin Ha (2017)
Karen Hanson (2019)

Below is a brief summary of the activities carried out by the Historic Preservation Commission during 2014.

HPC ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW -- REFERRALS/CONSULTATIONS

- 1) Flower City Fastcare sign review (June)**
- 2) Ruck's Pizza (signa and façade review (June)**
- 3) Paul Smith Main St storefront (June)**
- 4) Kistner sign review (January 2013- October 2014---still ongoing)**

The first three project referrals were either received from Lima's Code Enforcement Officer or were requested by the building owners. On-site meetings were held with the owners and plans reviewed by the HPC. Recommendations were transmitted to the CEO and the building owners.

In October, members of the HPC met again with Mr. Kistner at his business location regarding his sign design. He appeared ready to move forward on the basis of our combined input and discussion; however, as yet, no design drafts have been forthcoming.

PROGRAM ON FEDERAL TAX CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES

On May 22, 2014, the HPC sponsored a public presentation on the NYS and Federal Tax credit programs given by Cynthia Hawk of the Landmark Society. It was very well attended by interested home, business, and barn owners from Lima and surrounding towns. Many of our questions about the programs were answered and Cynthia distributed literature and phone numbers pertinent to the next steps in the application process for these program. She also pointed to the importance of National Register status for individual homeowners and owners of buildings in Historic Districts. The current NYS Tax Credit programs have been extended to 2019. Several Lima building owners have availed themselves of this opportunity.

STANDARDIZED HPC REFERRAL AND REPORT FORMS

After multiple discussions at HPC meetings and helpful input from Lima's Code Enforcement Officer, we have finalized the format for standardized HPC Referral and Report forms (see attached forms). These have been forwarded to Lima's CEO, who will distribute the HPC referral form along with the permit application to building owners located in the Historic Preservation Overlay District or the Downtown Business District. They will then have the opportunity to submit to the HPC electronically or in hard copy. Reports will be transmitted in both forms.

We thank the Lima Town Council for its ongoing support of Lima's Historic Preservation Commission. We appreciate the board's recognition of the value of Lima's historic architectural assets, and the opportunity to be of service to the community in their preservation.