

**City of Evansville Historic Preservation Commission  
Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, December 17, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.  
3<sup>rd</sup> 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:**

<b>Members</b>	<b>Present/Absent</b>	<b>Others Present</b>
Chair Dan Stephans	P	Colette Spranger, Community Development Director
Vice-chair Kelly Shannon	P	Lindsey Yoder, Sign Art Studio
Vicky Norton	P	
Gene Lewis	P	
Norman Barker	A	
Amy Corridon	P	
Steve Christens	P	
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**3. Motion to approve the agenda as written by Christens, second by Shannon. Motion carried unanimously.**

**4. Motion to waive the reading of the minutes from the November 19th, 2025 and approve them as printed. Motion by Norton, seconded by Shannon. Motion carried unanimously.**

**5. Civility Reminder.** Stephans noted that the meeting would be conducted civilly.

**6. Citizen appearances.** None.

**7. Action Items.** None.

**8. Discussion Items**

**A. Review Location on 2 E Main Street for 5 Ladies Murals.**

Lindsey Yoder is attending on behalf of the Tourism Commission to present on potentially locating the five individual portraits of women from Evansville’s history on the western wall of the former Union Bank and Trust building, now home to Lake Ridge Bank. Murals are exempt from sign requirements as they are an expression of art and advertise nothing. Commissioners were asked for their review of the location. Stephans voiced an expectation placing the hanging materials into the mortar joint and not directly into the brick, in order to preserve the integrity of the building. Over consensus: the commission is happy with the return of this mural at the

proposed location, with one of the members noting that it “looked like they were meant to be there.”

**B. Review Location on 19 W Main Street for Historic Mural**

The Commission discussed another, privately funded mural proposed for placement on the western wall of the Grange Store. Commissioners voiced their support of the project with similar asks for material placement between mortar joints, not the brick itself. With regards to lighting, commissioners would prefer that the mural remain unlit or be lit externally with a fixture fanning down to illuminate the mural.

**C. Comments on potential illumination for Grange Store Marquee Sign**

New ownership at the Grange Store has revived interest in restoring the marquee-style sign that was once fixed on the front of the building. Historically, at least in the mid 20<sup>th</sup> century, the sign was lit with neon tubes. Current sign regulations in the B-2 zoning district, which encompasses most of the downtown/commercial historic district prohibit the use of internally lit signage, which includes neon. Staff would like commissioners to consider an edit to the signage ordinance to allow neon signage (or similar) in the historic district if there was photographic evidence that prior signage had utilized those materials. The group debated the merits, but then noted that allowing more intense lighting for the marquee sign would mean potential light spillage into the upstairs apartments. The group declined to take further steps to encourage an exception.

**9. Report of the Community Development Director.** None.

**10. Correspondence, Comments and Concerns.** None.

**11. Next Meeting Date:** January 21, 2026, 6:00 p.m.

**12. Motion to Adjourn by Christens, second by Norton/Shannon.**