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THURSDAY JULY 14, 2011

PRESENT: COMMISSION MEMBERS: Jordan Bonafede, Mary Anne Braunbach, Andrea Rebeck, Richard Nenni, Aric Albright, Linda Smith

CONCERNED CITIZENS:

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 by Jordan Bonafede. Seconded by Mary Anne.
The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

MOTION: By Mary Anne , to accept the agenda as written, seconded by Linda, carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION: By Conrad Cropsey, who would like to see some additions to the Historic Code. He will be sending a letter with his suggestions. Mr. Cropsey feels there should be different standards for private homes, and more leeway for private homes regarding substitutions of materials and historical compatibility.

AMSA : Katelin Olson gave a brief over view of the benefits of being included in an Historic District, including tax credits.

DISCUSSION: By Bill Wittmann, building owner. Mr. Wittmann had questions regarding what a Historic Building Owner is allowed to do if his building is destroyed.

DISCUSSION: The building owners of private homes at 31 W. Park St. and 113 S. Main St had questions regarding how the Historic District affects them, and if they have the right to 'opt out'

DISCUSSION: By Michael Bonafede about the boundaries of the District, and why it was not extended North of the Canal.

DISCUSSION; Members of the Christ Church asked the HPC to consider that churches are different historical buildings; they have different visions and different goals. Christ Church had an issue with an

outhouse that was eventually demolished.

Mr. Conrad Cropsey requested a copy of the correspondence between the Christ Church and the HPC. The representatives of the Church will get copies to the HPC, Linda Smith to deliver copies to Mr. Cropsey for his review.

DISCUSSION: The possibility of creating an email list from the sign up sheet from the public forum, and notifying interested parties when meetings occur.

MOTION: By Mary Anne to adjourn at 8:40, seconded by Aric, passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
L Smith