BILL NO. R-26-11-35

RESOLUTION NO. R-_____

A RESOLUTION APPROVING MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS OF MEMBERS TO THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT WAYNE BEGINNING 2027

WHEREAS, IC 36-7-11-4(a) establishes that members of the Historic Preservation Commission of the City of Fort Wayne shall be appointed by the Mayor subject to approval by the Common Council; and

WHEREAS, the proposed members of the Historic Preservation Commission of the City of Fort Wayne appointed by the Mayor beginning in 2027 are:

Re-appointments:	
Tyler Bowers	3-Year Term
Jessica Franke	3-Year Term
New appointment:	
Abbey Stombaugh	3-Year Term

and

WHEREAS, the members of the appointed Historic Preservation Commission of the City of Fort Wayne beginning in 2027 are each residents of Fort Wayne and otherwise are qualified to serve pursuant to IC 36-7-11-4(a);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT WAYNE, INDIANA:

SECTION 1. That the appointment of the members of the Historic Preservation Commission of the City of Fort Wayne beginning in 2027 is hereby approved and ratified.

SECTION 2. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and any and all approval by the Mayor.

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Council Member

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

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Malak Heiny, City Attorney

CITY OF FORT WAYNE

SHARON TUCKER, MAYOR

Community Development

November 17, 2026

Dear City Council:

The individuals listed below are appointees to the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) for three-year terms that begin January 1, 2027. I would like to reappoint Tyler Bowers and Jessica Franke. for new three-year terms. I would also like to appoint Abbey Stombaugh as a new Historic Preservation Commission member. Background information and qualifications of these Commissioners is provided for your review.

Tyler Bowers
Tyler resides in the Illsley Place-West Rudisill Historic District. He is a former property owner/resident of the West Central local historic district. He rehabilitated an 1860s brick cottage on Wilt St. Tyler is a former West Central Neighborhood Association President, and holds a Master of Public Administration degree from Purdue Fort Wayne. He serves as the Chair of the Historic Preservation Commission.

Jessica Franke
Jessica holds a Master of Science in Historic Preservation, a Master of Architecture degree, and also a B.S. in Architecture; all three degrees are from Ball State University. She works at MartinRiley architects + engineers as an architectural designer, and she manages projects that are both new construction and adaptive reuse of historic structures. She also advises colleagues on historic preservation issues, and she has taught the "Introduction to Historic Preservation" course at Ball State University.

Historic buildings, community development, social justice, working directly with a variety of communities, and travelling are passions that led Ms. Franke to pursue graduate degrees in both historic preservation and architecture. Jessi lives in the Southwood Park Historic District.

Abbey Stombaugh
Since 2009, Abbey has built an extensive portfolio of historic urban properties and established herself as a licensed Real Estate Broker and Commercial General Contractor. In 2024, she founded 3rd Street Construction Inc., a full-service firm specializing in rehabilitation of residential and small commercial buildings. Abbey offers practical, hands-on contracting and planning perspective to the Historic Preservation Commission.

Thank you for your consideration. Please let me know if there is anything else you need to facilitate the process for these Commission appointments.

Sincerely,

Sharon Tucker
Mayor

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