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## Committee: Withdraw Historic Preservation ordinance

Idea will be revisited by City Council next year

By DAVID KRONKE  
TRIBUNE-STAR

The Terre Haute City Council's five-member Planning, Zoning and Improvements Committee voted Wednesday evening to recommend that the full council at its next meeting withdraw an ordinance that would rewrite the City Code to create



a Historic Preservation Districts commission.

Wednesday's two-hour committee meeting drew a crowd that easily surpassed those of many City Council meetings. It was given over to public comment, with 19 residents

offering their opinions on the subject.

Among those were Vigo County Commissioner Mark Clindenbeard, Greater Terre Haute Branch of the NAACP President Sylvester Edwards and Terre Haute Redevelopment Commission counsel Eddie Felling.

Residents' opinions were nearly evenly split with a slight majority being against the commission, though several professed mixed feelings on the issue. Most of those against it considered it government overreach taking away homeowners'

rights and potentially slowing development.

Many in favor of the ordinance lived in historic neighborhoods, predominantly Farrington's Grove, and wanted to protect the neighborhood from the abuses it had endured in the past. They pointed out that there was misinformation being disseminated aimed at eliciting fear and alarm regarding the commission.

After public discussion, committee members shared their thoughts on the ordinance, with many rejecting

it as it was currently written. George Azar was the first to recommend the council withdraw the measure.

Amanda Thompson said she had looked at the minutes of other cities' historic preservation commission meetings and that those weren't "as bad as people make it out to be." But she also pointed out that the city's financial coffers could not bear the burden of hiring staff for the commission "to make it work the way it should."

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## A LITTLE MEANS A LOT

Vigo County Education Foundation mini grants open doors to creativity

By SUE LOUGHLIN  
TRIBUNE-STAR

On the first day of school at Franklin Elementary, some students couldn't wait to tell media specialist Amber Wigington what they would be doing for the year-end talent show.

Some sing, others dance. A few have demonstrated their skills for magic tricks or gymnastics-type activities.

The show has a big opening number and finale; last year, 53 kids participated.

"I make a big deal out of the talent show," Wigington said, just hours before she was to receive a \$400 mini-grant from the Vigo County Education Foundation for the project.

"Our kids for the most part don't get to participate in extra-curricular activities. They're not taking dance lessons. They're not doing sports," she said. "They still deserve a moment to shine."

The Franklin Falcon Talent Show, along with a Community Theatre field trip and a combined art/literacy program – the Caldecott Art Show – are among the Franklin projects being supported this year through Vigo County Education Foundation mini-grants.

Franklin will benefit from \$7,816 in mini grant funding that also supports family involvement programs and science and math projects. Some of the activities involve multiple teachers and classes or even other schools.

"The Great Monster Exchange" is an art project that will involve both Franklin and Sugar Creek Consolidated. Jana Weeks is an art teacher at Franklin, while her daughter, Jennifer, is an art teacher at Consolidated. The project also will involve fifth grade teachers.

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Jana Weeks, the art teacher at Franklin Elementary School, displays some of the clay art pieces created by students that are based on Caldecott Medal books Wednesday at the school. A mini-grant from the Vigo County Education Foundation funds the art project.

## One person is proposed to lead all of Indiana education

Katie Jenner vote goes before higher education commission Friday

By CASEY SMITH  
INDIANA CAPITAL CHRONICLE  
Indianapolis

The Indiana Commission for Higher Education will hold a special meeting Friday to approve Secretary of Education Katie Jenner as the state's next commissioner for higher education.

If successful, she would begin the role Oct. 11 – leading both the Indiana Department of Education and the higher education commis-



JENNER

by former Gov. Eric Holcomb and remained in the role after Gov. Mike Braun's inauguration earlier this year.

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Andy Knight/CNH Indiana  
Daryl McCormick, center, and his wife, Wendy, speak with former Vice President Mike Pence during a reception Wednesday at Anderson Country Club.

## Pence: Trump deserves credit for progress in Ukraine peace talks

By KEN DE LA BASTIDE  
CNHI NEWS INDIANA • Anderson

Former Vice President Mike Pence believes the U.S. should impose secondary sanctions on Russia to be used as leverage in the ongoing peace talks on the war in Ukraine.

Pence visited Anderson Wednesday, appearing at a

fundraiser for Republican Andrew Hanna, who is running for Madison County prosecutor in 2026.

Prior to addressing a luncheon audience of more than 100 people, Pence met with the parents of slain Elwood police officer Noah Shahnnavaz.

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