



September 30, 2021

Dear Zionsville Residents,

As many of you know, I am hosting a public meeting tonight at Town Hall at 6:00pm to share information I have learned about historic preservation, especially as it relates to the future of Zionsville. To ensure accurate information on the topic is clearly and effectively communicated, I wanted to share the agenda below so that those interested in this effort understand the purpose behind this discussion.

Tonight's meeting will be informational in nature to provide an update on process and timing as well as to solicit public feedback. While no formal vote is scheduled at tonight's meeting, I have been asked to share a summary of tonight's discussion and the information shared at an upcoming meeting of the Zionsville Town Council.

Our goal with this process, and with the meetings which have been scheduled is to increase the opportunity for community involvement on the topic of historic preservation and how Zionsville may choose to integrate some of these concepts into our planning and development policies. If Zionsville decides to adopt a more formal historic preservation policy, it will be done through the actions of a Historic Preservation Commission as required by Indiana statute. Following our discussion tonight and at a future Council meeting, we will have a better understanding of the timeline for when such a commission may be created.

I encourage any community member interested in this issue to join us this evening or and/or to contact me with feedback. The comments I have already received have been instrumental in catalyzing positive changes to early drafts of possible future ordinances. This is how the process was designed to play out and I sincerely welcome your input as we look at the future of our town.

Unfortunately, not all information which has been shared on this topic on social media is based in fact. If you have any questions, please contact me. There is no current timeline for any elected body to take action, but I wanted to be clear and transparent that we are actively exploring a path to pursue.

I look forward to our discussion and appreciate the civil discourse which has occurred so far. It has reminded me yet again that reasonable people may disagree from time to time, but our democracy is made stronger when we communicate our beliefs in a respectful way.

Thank you for continuing to engage in this process and for your interest in the future of Zionsville.

Respectfully yours,

Joe Culp
Zionsville Town Council Member
District 4