Cumberland Town Council
Resolution 2017-05

Resolution Authorizing Donation to Save the German Church

Whereas, the German Church is for sale and is a property located in Cumberland at the corner of East Washington Street and German Church Road; and

Whereas, the Town Council of Cumberland sees value in ensuring the structure of the church is retained and therefore has made considerable efforts to assist in finding a purchaser who will be committed to retaining the structure of the church; and

Whereas, the Whitsett Group (TWG) has an agreement to purchase the property and has made a commitment to preserving the church structure; and

Whereas, the Town of Council of Cumberland has previously committed $25,000 in funding to secure the deal; and

Whereas, the TWG’s application for the project, which was submitted to the Indiana Housing & Community Development Authority, was put on a waitlist for 2017 and the announcement to determine if the project will be taken off the waitlist will not be made until at least September 2017; and

Whereas, due to a delay in the award of Housing Tax Credits there is now a $75,000 gap in funding which is required to preserve the deal for the aforementioned announcement or a resubmittal in 2018; and

Whereas, fundraising efforts have only raised a little more than fifty percent of the needed funds;

Whereas, the Town of Cumberland has $25,000 budgeted for economic development in fund 101 101 399 014; and

Whereas, the Town Council of Cumberland sees the project proposed by TWG, senior housing and a potential community center, as economic development;

It is therefore resolved that Town Council of Cumberland authorizes the Town Manager to make a donation to Indiana Landmarks on behalf of the Town of Cumberland for the
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purpose of saving the German Church in an amount not to exceed $25,000.

Adopted this 3rd day of May, 2017

Cumberland Town Council:

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ATTEST:

Erica Salmon, Clerk-Treasurer