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The Board held a special meeting to hear Dave Hamer's presentation on saving old buildings in Grant Co.

The Board had already considered becoming involved in building preservation, in March 2010. At that time the decision was to not become involved.

- Reasons to become involved include:
- losing the integrity of older neighborhoods, both businesses and homes
 - revitalizing downtown
 - buildings being abandoned
 - The Indiana & Paramount Theaters and Spencer Hotel, are examples. There are apparently no strict guidelines for demolition & removing pieces of buildings to be sold for profit
 - What are possibilities?
 - Apply for grants and find individuals to help finance projects
 - Create historic districts, including ordinances to deal with the cutting up of old homes into apartments
 - Bill Munn & his students to look into photos and histories of buildings

This will be discussed at the March meeting.

The February meeting, with 17 present, was Clise Kordis, Director and Curator of the Peru Museum. She told the history of her museum and which began in 1916 and holds around 150,000 items. They have bought the building across the street and are looking forward to moving in April.