

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

February 11, 2014

Memorial Hall – Memorial Building, 19 East Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale
5:00 P.M.

Chairman Peterson called the meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission to order at 5:07 p.m. on February 11, 2014 in Memorial Hall in the Memorial Building, 19 East Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale IL.

Present: Chairman Peterson, Commissioner Bohnen, Commissioner Hutter,
Commissioner Harloe-Mowery and Commissioner Gonzalez

Absent: None

Also Present: Village Planner, Sean Gascoigne

Minutes

Chairman Peterson introduced the minutes from December 10, 2013 and January 14, 2014, Commissioner Harloe made a motion to approve the December 10, 2013 minutes. Commissioner Bohnen seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Bohnen motioned to approve the minutes from January 14, 2014. Commissioner Harloe seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Findings and Recommendations

HPC-02-2013 – 319 N. Washington Street – Barrow Residence – Withdrawal of Local Landmarking.

Chairman Peterson summarized the request from the two discussions. Commissioner Hutter motioned to approve the findings and recommendations for HPC-02-2013 – 319 N. Washington Street – Barrow Residence – Withdrawal of Local Landmarking. Commissioner Bohnen seconded. The motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 1 abstention.

Discussion

Chairman Peterson offered his thoughts regarding the request for withdrawal, indicating that it was his hope that the publicity given to this request didn't discourage others from landmarking their homes.

General discussion ensued regarding the balance between encouraging people to landmark and the complexities created by those that may eventually want to withdraw their landmark status. The Commission agreed that this was a difficult balance to strike as the goal was to maintain the integrity of landmarking, without discouraging residents from doing so. As such, the Commission agreed that this was a discussion they would like to undertake at upcoming meetings.

Commissioner Bohnen offered his thoughts and indicated that maybe a letter could be drafted by the Chairman to provide to the Board of Trustees, prior to their vote for 319 N. Washington, to acknowledge the complexities that exist. He then suggested that they could request that the Board consider holding off on taking final action on this case until the Commission has had the opportunity to fully vet these items.

Further discussion ensued regarding the process and how to encourage people to landmark, without feeling as if they are being “handcuffed” from additional considerations in the future.

Chairman Peterson continued with the agenda items and quickly summarized the various bullet points for discussion. He then initiated discussions regarding Preservation Month in May and recapped some of the items including the prizes and who was working on what.

General discussion ensued as each Commissioner provided a summary as to the areas they had been working on which included securing coverage in the Hinsdalean, the general deadlines and the communication that had taken place with the different school districts.

Commissioner Harloe summarized her efforts with the judging and general discussion ensued regarding the deadlines for submittal and the possible dates for judging.

General discussion ensued regarding the various contests and how to get the best responses.

Chairman Peterson summarized the Commission’s efforts in trying to recruit two additional Commissioners and felt that they should be prepared to present something in March when they were expected to have the member increase considered by the Board of Trustees.

Adjournment

Commissioner Gonzalez moved to adjourn. Commissioner Harloe seconded and the meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m. on February 11, 2014.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sean Gascoigne
Village Planner