

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

March 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 5:00 p.m. on March 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

Public Hearing

HPC-02-2013 – 319 N. Washington Street – Barrow Residence – Withdrawal of Local Landmarking (Transcript of the following Public Hearing on file).

Chairman Peterson summarized the request and explained why the Board had remanded it back to them for their reconsideration.

Beth Barrow's introduce herself, provided a brief timeline of events and summarized the results of each meeting up until this point. She then provided additional information that she had acquired since last appearing before the Commission.

Chairman Peterson thanked the applicant and general discussion ensued regarding the request.

Commissioner Bohnen offered his thoughts regarding the request, indicating that he did not intend to change his vote, but suggested that he would be willing to work with the Commission and the Village Attorney to draft text amendment language that could hopefully establish a balance between the intended purpose of landmarking a home, while at the same time not discouraging residents from going through the process. He appreciated the sensitivity of the balance and noted that they should be able to find a solution.

Chairman Peterson entertained a motion. Commission Harloe motioned to approve the withdrawal of the local landmarking at 319 N. Washington Street. Commissioner Gonzalez seconded. The motion passed with the following vote: Ayes: Chairman Peterson, Commissioner Hutter and Commissioner Harloe. Nays: Commissioner Bohnen and Commissioner Gonzalez.

Minutes

Chairman Peterson introduced the minutes from February 11, 2014. Commissioner Harloe made a motion to approve the February 11, 2014 minutes. Commissioner Gonzalez seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion

Chairman Peterson continued with the agenda items and quickly summarized the various bullet points for discussion, including the mapping project and how he saw that moving forward.

General discussion ensued regarding the mapping project and the Commission suggested solutions on how to determine who published the original map and how best to illustrate the new one.

Chairman Peterson recognized the ideas and indicated that they would continue to look into this. He then opened conversation on Preservation Month and asked the Commission to touch on any progress they had made since last month.

Commissioner Gonzalez summarized his progress on the coloring contest and then general discussion ensued regarding the formatting and media types for the schools on the other contests.

Commissioner Harloe offered her thoughts on the preservation judging and indicated that she had received comments last year that nominated homes were not informed of their nomination, making things somewhat difficult.

Mr. Gascoigne indicated that letters are sent to every address that is nominated, informing them of the nomination. He then indicated that because many times the person nominating is not the homeowner, they do not have other sources of contact information to get in touch with them so unfortunately, mailing is still the only option in this situation.

General discussion ensued regarding the different contests and the Commission suggested expanding the distribution of the coloring contest to other kid's stores within the downtown.

Mr. Gascoigne indicated that he would be happy to look into it and see if it was possible.

Chairman Peterson summarized the Commission's efforts in trying to recruit two additional Commissioners and then asked if there were any additional comments.

Commissioner Harloe offered some final thoughts regarding the application for the withdrawal of the landmarking at 319 N. Washington.

General discussion ensued regarding the request, as well as the Commission's desire to pursue the discussion of the text amendment on their future agendas. The Commission agreed that they wanted to make the process friendly, but at the same time not so easy to withdraw from, indicating that it should serve its intent, without discouraging individuals

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from pursuing it. They agreed that they would have to work through the language, but were confident they could find a balance.

Adjournment

Commissioner Harloe moved to adjourn. Commissioner Gonzalez seconded and the meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m. on February 11, 2014.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sean Gascoigne
Village Planner