

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

July 8, 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 July 8, 2014 in Memorial Hall in the Memorial Building, 19 East Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale IL.

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Village Planner, Sean Gascoigne

Minutes

Chairman Peterson indicated that the minutes from June 10, were not available and that they would review and approve both sets of minutes at the meeting in September.

Discussion

Chairman Peterson opened discussions and summarized the mapping efforts.

General discussion ensued regarding how to fund the mapping efforts and Mr. Gascoigne explained the process for the Commission to propose and increase to next year's Preservation Commission budget.

Chairman Peterson introduced the conversation regarding the language of the proposed text amendment for the withdrawal of local landmarking status.

General discussion ensued regarding the potential language changes.

Commissioner Bohnen suggested the possibility of a "two-tiered" landmarking process that would generally involve the first tier being a more lenient landmarking and the second tier being more restrictive and rigid.

Mr. Gascoigne offered some thoughts regarding a process such as this, indicating that he would talk to the Village Attorney to get his thoughts on if something like this could even be implemented.

General discussion ensued regarding the two-tiered system and agreed that they would discuss further and would have to give more consideration to how the specific details would work.

The Commission discussed the possibility of having a workshop after the October 14th meeting, in which they could discuss Commissioner Bohnen and Gonzalez's findings on the fence regulations.

Chairman Peterson introduced discussions as a follow-up to the suggestions made in June regarding shoring/bracing and different means and methods for "substantial alterations". He indicated that as the Preservation Commission, he would support some type of means and methods requirement for older homes, given the Commission's function. He expressed concerns with applying these requirements and standards to all homes, given the scope of the Commission and what they are charged with accomplishing. He indicated that the Historic Preservation Commission was not charged with the responsibility of safe construction, but rather trying to preserve and save historic homes.

Commissioner Bohnen offered some final thoughts and suggested the Commission consider the discretion that should be afforded to the Building Commissioner in these situations.

General discussion ensued and Mr. Gascoigne indicated that he would be happy to talk to the Building Commissioner, Robb McGinnis, to answer any questions they may have.

Adjournment

Commissioner Gonzalez moved to adjourn. Commissioner Bohnen seconded and the meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m. on July 8, 2014.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sean Gascoigne
Village Planner