

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

September 9, 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 September 9, 2014 in Memorial Hall in the Memorial Building, 19 East Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale IL.

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

Absent: Commissioner Hutter and Commissioner Gonzalez

Also Present: Village Planner, Sean Gascoigne

Minutes

Chairman Peterson introduced the minutes from June 10th and July 8th, 2014. Commissioner Bohnen made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Harloe seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion

Chairman Peterson opened discussions and summarized the mapping efforts stating that they are waiting on feedback from the Art Institute and now that school has started back up, they could improve efforts in this area.

General discussion ensued regarding the budget for the Preservation Commission and Chairman Peterson identified different areas of consideration that he would like to see funding for. These included the mapping project and various workshops, in addition to the Preservation Month budget.

Mr. Gascoigne identified a general timeframe as to when the Commission should have these proposals available for the Chairman to meet with the Village Manager for the upcoming budget year.

The Commission discussed additional ideas as to what they could potentially request funding for and the Chairman asked everyone to continue to come up with ideas for discussion at next month's meeting.

General discussion continued regarding various budget considerations and what could potentially be included in the proposal.

Chairman Peterson thanked the Commissioner's for the suggestions and moved on to the proposed language for the text amendment.

The Commission expressed general concern with the language in letter “e” and suggested that it be removed thereby replacing it with what was currently letter “f” in the proposed ordinance.

General discussion ensued and the Commission concurred that letter “e” in the proposed ordinance should be removed, and it would be replaced with the currently proposed letter “f”.

Mr. Gascoigne indicated that he would confirm with the attorney that this was acceptable and would bring it back to the Commission for one last confirmation, before sending it to the ZPS and Village Board for final consideration.

Chairman Peterson moved on to the next discussion item regarding the possibility of a two-tiered landmarking process.

General discussion ensued and the Commission commented that offering a tier of landmarking that was non-binding, would be beneficial and help to promote preservation and further landmarking in the Village.

Commissioner Bohnen offered his thoughts, explaining that there were benefits to this system and that while landmarking is encouraged, a home didn’t necessarily need to be landmarked to contribute to the preservation of the Village.

General discussion ensued regarding the possibility of a two-tiered system, with everyone agreeing that while the details still needed to be worked through, one of the tiers would be a non-binding process.

Commissioner Harloe suggested that one consideration could be somehow tying in the recognition for the non-binding tier, as part of Preservation Month.

General discussion ensued amongst the Commission regarding the benefits and need for Hinsdale to promote preservation to preserve its housing stock. They discussed different communities including Downers Grove, and what they were doing to promote the same.

Commissioner Bohnen appreciated the conversation and offered a distinction in what Downers Grove had, in that the Historical Society was promoting these efforts rather than a Preservation Commission through the Village.

Chairman Peterson asked Mr. Gascoigne to provide an update regarding the bracing/shoring discussions taking place at the Zoning and Public Safety Committee.

Mr. Gascoigne summarized the status. He stated that Building Commissioner, Robb McGinnis, had confirmed with Committee that the model codes already provided him the authority to require third-party plans, but the other option was a local amendment to restate what was currently in the model codes. With certain Committee members expressing interest in some type of oversight, Mr. McGinnis indicated that he would survey

other communities to determine how they currently handle it and bring those results back to Committee for further discussion.

The Commission offered some general thoughts and Mr. Gascoigne indicated that he would have a better idea once he had talked to Mr. McGinnis and the survey of communities was complete.

Chairman Peterson introduced the discussion item for 306 S. Garfield, regarding the placement of the property on the National Register.

Mr. Gascoigne indicated that nothing was required of the Commission, unless there was opposition to the nomination.

The Commission commended the homeowner for their efforts. They offered some comments regarding minor clerical corrections in the application, stating that otherwise they were in support of the request.

Adjournment

Commissioner Bohnen moved to adjourn. Commissioner Harloe seconded and the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m. on September 9, 2014.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sean Gascoigne
Village Planner