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MINUTES  
VILLAGE OF HINSDALE  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

December 14, 2016 (Special Meeting)  
Memorial Hall – Memorial Building, 19 East Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale  
6:00 P.M.

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Chairman Bohnen called the special meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) to order at 6:00 p.m. on December 14, 2016, in Memorial Hall in the Memorial Building, 19 East Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale IL.

Present: Chairman Bohnen, Commissioner Willett and Commissioner Prisby,  
Commissioner Gonzalez  
Absent: Commissioner D'Arco  
Also Present: Applicant for Case HPC-03-2016

**Minutes**

Chairman Bohnen introduced the minutes from the November 9, 2016, meeting and referenced some grammar errors but nothing significant. With no other comments, Chairman Bohnen asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Prisby made a motion and Commissioner Willett seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0 (1 absent).

**Findings and Recommendations – Recommendations forwarded to the next Board of Trustees meeting.**

**Case HPC-05-2016 – 26 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Local Landmark Application. The applicant is nominating the coach house at 26 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street for designation of a Local Landmark.**

Chairman Bohnen briefly explained this is the format for Local Landmark Findings and Recommendations, and asked the HPC to take a moment to review them. With no other comments, Chairman Bohnen asked for a motion to approve the Findings and Recommendations for 26 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street.

Commissioner Gonzalez made a motion to approve, and Commissioner Prisby seconded.

The motion to approve the Findings and Recommendations for Case HPC-05-2016 was unanimously approved, 4-0 (1 absent).

**Case HPC-01-2016 – 306 S. Garfield Avenue Local Landmark Application. (The applicant is nominating the home at 306 S. Garfield Avenue AND the coach house at 26 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street for designation of a Local Landmark. On October 12, 2016, the HPC recommended landmarking the structures separately to reflect the two separate parcels).**

Chairman Bohnen asked for a moment to review the Findings and Recommendations and for a motion.

Commissioner Willett made a motion to approve, and Commissioner Prisby seconded.

The motion to approve the Findings and Recommendations for Case HPC-01-2016 was unanimously approved, 4-0 (1 absent).

Chan reviewed to the HPC that the Board moved the Local Landmark application to second reading and now it can be formally approved thanks to these approved Findings and Recommendations.

### **Public Meeting – Certificate of Appropriateness**

#### **Case HPC-03-2016 – 134 S. Park Avenue - Proposed additions to the first floor for a new family room, kitchen, prep kitchen and 2-car garage; and additions for the second floor for new bedrooms, closets and bathrooms.**

Chairman Bohnen introduced the next item on the agenda as a continuation of the public meeting for 134 S. Park Avenue. Chairman Bohnen asked if all of the HPC commissioners were able to take a look at the house onsite. The three HPC commissioners present responded yes.

Commissioner Gonzalez reviewed that he and Commissioner Willett were able to spend about an hour and a half, and walked through the entire house with the Frey's. Commissioner Gonzalez expressed that after reviewing the exterior of the home, the proposed design made sense and came to the conclusion that he agrees with their design, and for it to move forward.

Commissioner Willett thanked the applicant for reviewing the project at their home, and for the detailed look at the proposed design. Examples of reusing materials in the interior and exterior, to keep the historic look are important he expressed, and appreciated.

Commissioner Prisby explained that if he were to rank the elements of importance based on the original Landmark Findings and Recommendations, he would have ranked the rear porte-cochere last. He also explained that their proposed design works with the house, plays off the existing architecture, and maintains elements that are critical to the historic design of the home. In conclusion, he has no problem with approving the request.

Chairman Bohnen expressed that the HPC and applicant has put their best foot forward through this process. It's difficult to enforce the Code after a period of not necessarily following it precisely as it is written. To that end, he thanked the applicant and Bruce (architect) for understanding the process to get it completed correctly. Chairman Bohnen also explained that he will continue to meet with staff and officials to discuss (Title 14) entitlement.

The applicant and architect commented that they will make their best effort to repurpose the porte-cochere after the question was asked by Commissioner Prisby. Chairman Bohnen explained that the HPC is content with best effort.

Chairman Bohnen asked for a motion to approve the request at 134 S. Park Avenue.

Commissioner Gonzalez made a motion and Commissioner Willet seconded. The motion was unanimously approved, 4-0 (1 absent).

### **Discussion**

#### **2016 Preservation Award to the Village of Hinsdale for the Oak Street Bridge and First Street Brick pavement between Elm Street and Park Avenue.**

Chairman Bohnen reviewed that, unfortunately, the photographs have not been completed yet, but he will bring it to the next meeting if he receives them.

Commissioner Willett asked if the materials of the bridge would require a separate meeting.

Chairman Bohnen replied that it would not be a bad idea so that the HPC would be able to speak on behalf of the award if necessary. Additional discussion of the bridge and brick paver street ensued.

Chairman Bohnen reviewed with the HPC and Chan, that in 2017, the HPC will have its regularly scheduled meetings on the second Wednesday's of the month at 6 PM. The HPC and Chan agreed that this schedule works with them.

### **Adjournment**

With no additional discussion, Commissioner Bohnen asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Willett made the motion and Commissioner Prisby seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:22p.m. on December 14, 2016.

Respectfully Submitted,



**Village Planner**