

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING

November 10, 2009

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

Chairman Keseric called the meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission to order at 5:00 p.m. on November 10, 2009 in Memorial Hall in the Memorial Building, 19 East Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale IL.

Present: Chairman Keseric, Commissioner Arens, Commissioner McGue,
Commissioner Buczkowski, Commissioner Murphy, Commissioner
Ives

Absent: Commissioner Massouras, Commissioner Peterson

Also Present: Village Planner, Sean Gascoigne, Director of Parks and Recreation
Gina Hassett

Minutes

Chairman Keseric presented the minutes from the October 13, 2009 meeting to the Commission and asked if they had any changes to the minutes up for approval. Commissioner Ives motioned for the approval of the minutes from October 13, 2009. Commissioner Murphy seconded.

Discussion

Update on the Burns Field Warming House Assessment Study

Chairman Keseric introduced Gina Hassett, Hinsdale Parks and Recreation Director, and stated the Historic Preservation Commission would continue to work and support Parks and Recreation and the Burns Field Warming House. Ms. Hassett provided a brief presentation regarding the history of the building and the past renovations and repairs that have taken place. She touched on the priority of the needs as stated in the report and that currently the Village does not have any funds to allocate towards this building in the near future. Commissioner Arens questioned if any evaluation took place regarding ADA accessibilities because retrofitting older buildings to be compliant is important and can become expensive. General discussion took place over the meeting schedules between Parks and Recreation Commission and the Historic Preservation Commission in an effort to cut down on possible double presentations and discussions and combining them into one joint meeting.

Chairman Keseric discussed the different types of improvements for the short and long term plans as provided in the assessment study and if any of the improvements would need to be completed in order to keep the building functional. Ms. Hassett stated at this time some of the improvements are in need of repair such as new windows and roofing repairs but at this time financing for these improvements is unavailable. Discussion ensued regarding financing for this building and opportunities such as fundraising and grants the Village could utilize in the coming years as well as the problem of additional costs with pushing back repairs that are needed today.

Commissioner Arens questioned if the Burns Field Warming House would have a better chance of receiving grant money if the building was landmarked through the State and National level. Mr. Gascoigne stated he would discuss this matter with former Trustee Jean Follett to see if the Village could take advantage of any possible State and National funding. Chairman Keseric summarized the discussion and asked for any public comment. Hearing none from the audience, the next agenda item was discussed.

Preservation Month

Chairman Keseric questioned if forming sub-committees would be the best way for planning the upcoming Preservation Month. He suggested forming 4 separate sub groups to look at a variety of tasks such as contribution and donations, awards and contests, marketing, and guidelines and judging. These sub groups would then report back to the Commission and be open for discussion. Commissioner McGue stated Commission members who have not participated in Preservation Month in years past should not be grouped together. The Commission agreed and discussion ensued regarding possible buildings that could be used and the Commissioners that will participate in each of the four sub-committees for Preservation Month.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Commissioner Buczkowski moved to adjourn. Commissioner Arens seconded. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 5:42.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sean Gascoigne
Village Planner