

Approved:
Buczowski/Massouras

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MARCH 9, 2010
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 5:10 p.m. on March 9, 2010 in Memorial Hall in the Memorial Building, 19 East Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale IL.

Present: Chairman Keseric, Commissioner Arens, Commissioner Buczowski, Commissioner Peterson, Commissioner Murphy, Commissioner McGue and Commissioner Bohnen

Absent: Commissioner Massouras, Commissioner Ives

Also Present: Village Planner, Sean Gascoigne

Minutes

Chairman Keseric presented the minutes from the February 9, 2010 meeting to the Commission and asked if they had any changes to the minutes up for approval. Commissioner Buczowski motioned for the approval of the minutes from February 9, 2010. Commissioner Arens seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Keseric introduced Commissioner Bohnen and asked him to provide background information regarding his interests in Historical Preservation. Commissioner Bohnen discussed his interests in preservation and stated he currently lives in a historical home and has participated in the Hinsdale Historical Society for many years.

Discussion

Preservation Month

Chairman Keseric provided an update to the Commissioners on discussion that ensued at the previous meeting. Commissioner Arens briefed the Commissioners on the drawing created for the coloring contest and the details for distributing the materials to local businesses and schools. He also touched on the information for the coloring contest and stated all the details are set for Hinsdale Middle School and copies will be distributed in the next week. The Hinsdale Central High School students will also be participating this year in the photo and sketch contest and teachers will be distributing information also in the next week. General discussion took place over details of each of the contests to ensure all of the necessary steps have been taken.

Commissioner Buczkowski provided an update on the "Share Your Story" campaign that could be placed in the local newspaper. She stated she has talked with members of the paper and they would be happy to place this type of section into the newspaper. At this time zero submissions have come in but she was confident to see a few in the next few weeks. General discussion also took place over the marketing of preservation month in the newspaper and what type of advertisement would produce the best promotion. Commissioner Buczkowski discussed the idea of having a library open house where preservation experts could sit on a panel and answer questions from residents as well as provide information regarding land marking and restoring older homes. General discussion took place over the marketing in the Village newspaper, website, and a slide on Channel 6.

Commissioner Murphy discussed the revisions that have been made to this year's preservation awards. She stated homes that have done work in the past three years can now be eligible for an award but she was open to any new input from the Commissioners. Commissioner Bohnen questioned if a map of the nominated homes has ever been published in the local newspaper to help raise awareness of preservation in the Village. He also discussed how the economy has had an effect on home sales and the increase in additions to homes that residents have done instead of selling or buying a home. The Commissioners agreed and felt this would be an inexpensive way to help raise awareness of preservation in the Village but that it was a little late to accomplish for this year's Preservation Month and should definitely be something to consider for 2011. General discussion took place over the judges that will review the nominations for this year's rewards and the change in housing stock over the past twenty years in the Village and a brief overview of the prizes that will be given to the winners of the preservation month contests and the showcasing of winners to gain additional exposure to the contest and the Commission. Mr. Gascoigne stated this idea has come up in the past and can be difficult due to spacing and setup for venues such as at the library in which the cases can only be used for a certain period of time and you are allotted only a certain amount of space. Other locations were also discussed such as Deep Creek Art as well as a display at Immanuel Hall Church. Chairman Keseric thanked the Commissioners for the effort they have put into preservation month and stated he was looking forward to the submissions from each category.

Adjournment

Commissioner McGue moved to adjourn. Commissioner Arens seconded and the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m. on March 9, 2010.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sean Gascoigne
Village Planner