

Approved:
McGue/Ives

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
APRIL 13, 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 April 13, 2010 in Memorial Hall in the Memorial Building, 19 East Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale IL.

Present: Chairman Pro Tem Arens, Commissioner Buczkowski, Commissioner Peterson, Commissioner McGue, Commissioner Massouras, Commissioner Bohnen and Commissioner Ives

Absent: Chairman Keseric and Commissioner Murphy

Also Present: Village Planner, Sean Gascoigne

Minutes

Chairman Pro Tem Arens presented the minutes from the March 9, 2010 meeting to the Commission and asked if they had any changes to the minutes up for approval. Commissioner Buczkowski motioned for the approval of the minutes from March 9, 2010. Commissioner Massouras seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion

Preservation Month

Chairman Arens asked for Commissioners to provide updates in their respective areas for the upcoming Preservation Month activities. Commissioner Buczkowski stated the Hinsdalean has published information regarding preservation month and also the first installment of “Historic Homes” stories has been placed in the Hinsdalean with more to follow in the upcoming weeks. She also briefed the Commissioners on the upcoming panel discussion that will take place at the Village Library in two weeks and highlighted some of the topics that will be discussed at this meeting.

Commissioner Ives stated two judges have been confirmed and a third is in the works. He discussed the use of judges that live outside of the Village in order to ensure accurate and non-bias judging. General discussion took place regarding the upcoming judging that will be conducted and the materials that will be included in the Commissioner and judging packets. Commissioner Ives requested for staff to check and see when the work for certain properties meets the criteria and completed within three years because a handful of these nominations may be disqualified because they are too old. Mr. Gascoigne stated he would confirm the eligibility of each house before judging takes place

and updated the Commissioners on the coloring and photo contests. General discussion took place regarding each of these contests and Chairman Arens stated the art and photography teachers would be turning in submissions in the next couple of days. General discussion took place over future meetings dates, upcoming agenda items, and the Preservation Month awards ceremony.

Commissioner Bohnen discussed an upcoming text amendment that will go before the Village Board and provided information regarding past developments and the rewrite of the zoning code and the use of form based code in the downtown district. He stated the purpose of this text amendment was to limit height in the downtown district from 35 to 30 feet and limit the number of stories from 3 to 2 and provided details to reflect on the current state of the downtown and the duties of the Historic Preservation Commission. General discussion took place over the item raised by Mr. Bohnen and Chairman Arens suggested that this and additional information be discussed at a future meeting in order to educate Commissioners. The referral process from the Village Board was also looked at and how this Commission could get more actively involved in governing preservation in the Village.

Commissioner Bohnen expressed his concerns with issues that have surfaced in the Village over a number of years and stated that he felt it was the duty of the Historic Preservation Commission to get involved and discuss these items to make recommendations to the Village Board. General discussion continued over the goals and duties of the Historic preservation Commission.

Adjournment

Commissioner Buczkowski moved to adjourn. Commissioner Ives seconded and the meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m. on April 13, 2010.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sean Gascoigne
Village Planner