

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

September 10, 2013

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 5:10 p.m. on September 10, 2013 in Memorial Hall in the Memorial Building, 19 East Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale IL.

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

Absent: Commissioner Gonzalez and Commissioner Hutter

Also Present: Village Planner, Sean Gascoigne

Minutes

Chairman Peterson presented the minutes from the July 9, 2013 meeting. Commissioner Bohnen motioned for the approval of the minutes from July 9, 2013. Commissioner Harloe seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion

Chairman Peterson opened the meeting and began discussions regarding the coordinating efforts with the Hinsdale Historical Society.

General discussion ensued regarding the ongoing efforts with Hinsdale Historical Society and the Village newsletter as the Commission expressed interest in providing updates and information for the newsletter

Chairman Peterson requested an update on the tax freeze status.

Mr. Gascoigne indicated that after several attempts, he had not been successful making contact or getting responses from the State. He then stated that he had been contacted regarding the possibility of having a consultant that has done several homes in Illinois, come in and speak to the Commission in regards to the process.

The Commission confirmed their interest in this and Mr. Gascoigne indicated that he would follow-up and if possible, see if it could be done in October or November.

Commissioner Bohnen expressed concerns with the number of homes being torn down by the younger generation, which he felt could be linked directly to the educational aspect of preservation. He then suggested that the Commission look into the possibility of forming a subcommittee consisting of a couple members from the Commission and a couple from the Historical Society to work with these issues.

Mr. Gascoigne explained that there could be some potential conflicts with this but that he was happy to follow up with the Village Attorney regarding the possibility.

Chairman Peterson continued with the next agenda items and identified three potential homes the Commission was working with to landmark. He then went on to touch on the beginning efforts for Preservation Month and the activities that take place.

General discussion ensued regarding past and potentially new activities for Preservation Month and how the Historical Society may be able to assist in these efforts.

Mr. Bohnen offered some closing thoughts regarding the tax freeze and how the Commission may be able to work with the State to soften the financial impact and initial burden a homeowner faces when they look to pursue this process.

Adjournment

Commissioner Bohnen moved to adjourn. Commissioner Harloe seconded and the meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m. on September 10, 2013.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sean Gascoigne
Village Planner