

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

October 8, 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 5:03 p.m. on October 8, 2013 in Memorial Hall in the Memorial Building, 19 East Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale IL.

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Village Planner, Sean Gascoigne

Minutes

Chairman Peterson presented the minutes from the October 8, 2013 meeting. Commissioner Bohnen motioned for the approval of the minutes from October 8, 2013. Commissioner Harloe seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Hearing

HPC-01-2013 – 820 N. Washington Street – Follett Residence – Local Land marking (Transcript of the following Public Hearing on file).

Chairman Peterson opened the public hearing and asked if the applicant was present.

Jean Follett, introduced herself and summarized the request, which included the landmarking of the single-family home at 820 N. Washington Street. She provided the Commission a description of the layout of the home, explaining that it was one of the last Zook homes built in Hinsdale. He then continued to provide a history of the home and several features that made it noteworthy of landmark status.

Chairman Peterson closed the public hearing and asked if anyone had any additional questions or comments.

The Commission was complementary of the home and thanked the Follett's for taking the time to landmark it.

Commissioner Bohnen motioned to approve case HPC-01-2013 – 820 N. Washington Street – Follett Residence for Local Land marking. Commissioner Hutter seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Peterson thanked the Follett's and went back on the agenda to approve the minutes from September 10, 2013.

Commissioner Harloe motioned for the approval of the minutes of September 10, 2013. Commissioner Bohnen seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Peterson moved on to the discussion points and requested an update on the interactive map.

Commissioner Gonzalez summarized his progress and indicated he didn't have a lot to report.

Chairman Peterson proceeded through the agenda, summarizing the discussion points and where the Commission stood on each.

General discussion ensued regarding the Village e-newsletter and the Commission agreed that they would like to begin utilizing it as a resource come the first of the year. They continued on to the tax freeze process and Mr. Gascoigne indicated that he had reached out to the State with no success. He indicated that Ms. Follett had provided a recommendation for a consultant that could speak to the Commission regarding the tax freeze process and that he was in the process of obtaining those details.

General discussion ensued regarding the efforts and responsibilities for Preservation Month, including an update from Commissioner Hutter. The Commission discussed the various contests that were currently in place, how to improve those efforts and ideas to increase participation. Several of the Commissioners made suggestions on different contest ideas and the possibility of introducing different technologies and mediums. All agreed that they were in favor of anything that would encourage and improve participation. They then went on to discuss dates and deadlines for the contests and the preservation awards.

Chairman Peterson continued with the agenda and summarized the efforts required for creating a subcommittee and explained that doing so would not be ideal given the number of obstacles and complications that arise with being a governmental body and being subject to the Open Meetings Act.

General discussion ensued regarding how to improve the Commission's effectiveness. The Commission agreed that while they could have ongoing workshops following each month's regularly scheduled meeting, maybe it would prove to be more effective to just increase the Commission to seven members. They agreed that a slight increase to seven may provide many benefits to help accomplish the Commission's ongoing efforts.

Mr. Gascoigne explained how the process worked and what would be required of the Commission.

General discussion continued regarding the benefits of having seven members and how to proceed with these efforts.

Commissioner Bohnen expressed his thoughts on the benefits and provided support for his ideas using the example of the home at 206 N. Washington.

General discussion continued regarding how to improve the Commission's efficiency through workshops or other types of regular involvement.

Chairman Peterson indicated that until they had a resolution on the possibility of increasing the Commission, maybe they should consider having a Commissioner's Workshop following the November 12th meeting and then they could cancel it, if the Commission felt that it wasn't necessary.

General discussion ensued regarding the tax freeze process and getting the consultant in to discuss the process.

Adjournment

Commissioner Gonzalez moved to adjourn. Commissioner Harloe seconded and the meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m. on October 8, 2013.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sean Gascoigne
Village Planner