

AGENDA

VILLAGE OF HINSDALE MEETING OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION Tuesday, February 10, 2015 – 5:00PM

Memorial Hall - Memorial Building
19 East Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale
(Tentative and Subject to Change)

1. **Minutes** – Review and approval of the minutes from the January 13, 2014 meeting.

2. **Discussion**

- Map project:
 - Currently the Village has about 50-60 maps.
 - Will need the HHS coordination to review the existing documents.
 - Looking at a web-based document and an updated handout map.
 - Village website upgrade: Web site work is in progress. Looking to place a map on the web site and will need to input the house information. Committee has requested if a list of demo homes in 2013 and 2014 can be provided. This will allow for the update of list of homes that have been torn down since the current map. Review the progress of the website.
- Proposed HPC budget: Village Manager Kathleen Gargano has drafted a memo and provided the memo in the Manager's note for Friday, January 23, 2015. Budget discussions occur in late March or April for the May 1st fiscal year. The HPC would be provided notice of date that the Budget will be reviewed in the Board Meeting.
- Possibility of a 2nd tier Land Marking: Waiting for approval of funding to proceed with this program.
- Fence Regulations: Reviewing the update to the current code about iron fences.
 - In 1998, the Village worked on fencing code and allowed for 3' high fences in the front of homes. Wrought iron fences were originally not going to be included in new 3' ordinance in front yards because they posed no real visual obstruction (as opposed to picket fences, which had prompted the review of the ordinance.)
 - When drafted and approved, no exception for wrought iron fences was made and all fences have thus come under the ordinance. Wrought iron fences were mistakenly included in the new ordinance. The intent of the discussions preceding the new ordinance was to exempt wrought iron fences from being limited to 3' in height.
 - While wrought iron fences are allowed in front yards, they should not be governed by the 3' high rule since they do not create a visual obstruction by their very nature.
 - Looking to allow iron fencing in front of homes.
 - Reviewed the need to scale the height based on the height of the home and the set back.
 - AIA does not have a formula.
 - Reviewed photos of homes with fencing examples in the October 14, 2014 HPC meeting.
 - Commissioner Bohnen has completed a cursory review of the existing wrought iron fences and is in the process of formatting a report for HPC review.
- Protection of historic homes during demolition/construction:
 - Waiting for this item to be placed on the Board Agenda.

- Historic Preservation Month (May 2015).
 - Member responsibilities and updates on progress.
 - Commissioner Bohnen – Public Relations
 - Commissioners Gonzalez and Hutter – Contest Coordinators
 - Commissioners Harlow-Mowery and Peterson – Home Judging and Awards
 - Review the proposed prizes. Review the awards recap from April 11, 2014. Will not have expanded funding for 2015 Preservation Month.
 - Home awards
 - Historic Houses
 - Good Neighbor
 - Compatible Addition
 - School contacts for 2015.
 - Grade Schools: Need to get the coloring contest into the grade schools' electronic backpacks. Do we have the current contacts for teachers or principal?
 - HMS: Commissioner Hutter to coordinate.
 - CHMS: Commissioner Hutter to coordinate.
 - High School: Commissioner Hutter to coordinate.
 - Pre-school and Elementary-coloring contest: Commissioner Gonzalez to coordinate with the schools. Display at Kramer's and maybe other places in town. Need to select a picture? Age groups in the past: 4-5 year olds, 6-8 year olds, 9-10 year olds.
 - Middle School (Jr High) – Photos of historic elements in the downtown?
 - High Schools – Drawing looking at black and white or color of historic elements in the downtown?
 - Draft Time Line
 - By February 16, 2015– provide final details and schedule to the schools.
 - March 2, 2015 – start the promotion for houses and schools.
 - April 17, 2015 – due date for schools and houses.
 - April 20, 2015 to May 4, 2015 – judging.
 - May 4, 2015 to May 15, 2015 – prepare awards.
 - May 19, 2015 – awards date prior to the Village Trustee Meeting – 6:30pm
 - Recap of methods to promote the events.
 - Review the flyer and invitation.
 - Review using posters for store front windows.
 - Review the ads for the “Hinsdalean”.
 - Insert in the water bill.
 - Hinsdale email weekly issue.

3. Adjournment

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