

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

January 14, 2014

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 5:07 p.m. on January 14, 2014 in Memorial Hall in the Memorial Building, 19 East Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale IL.

Present: Chairman Peterson, Commissioner Bohnen, Commissioner Hutter and Commissioner Gonzalez

Absent: Commissioner Harloe-Mowery

Also Present: Village Planner, Sean Gascoigne

Minutes

Chairman Peterson stated that the minutes from December 10, 2013 were not available, and would be approved at the January meeting.

Public Hearing

HPC-02-2013 – 319 N. Washington Street – Barrow Residence – Withdrawal of Local Landmarking (Transcript of the following Public Hearing on file).

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

Ed Barrow approached the podium and gave a brief recap of their original application, stating that their request hadn't changed and they had just been waiting on the response from the attorney. He proceeded to provide a summary and reiterated the request.

Commissioner Bohnen questioned what was driving the request for the withdrawal.

Mr. Barrow indicated that he felt that the evolution and character of the neighborhood had rendered the designation meaningless.

Commissioner Bohnen indicated he was confused as to why the applicant was requesting the withdrawal given that they planned for no activity on the home.

Mr. Barrow explained that they simply wanted the withdrawal for the reasons stated and that they felt it was in their best interest.

Chairman Peterson indicated that with additional discussion, he would entertain a motion.

Commissioner Gonzalez made a motion to withdraw the local landmarking status, pursuant to Section 14-4-1. Commission Hutter Seconded. With the following vote: Ayes: Chairman Peterson, Commissioner Hutter, Nays: Commissioner Gonzalez, Commissioner Bohnen, the Commission provided no recommendation to the Board of Trustees.

Discussion

Chairman Peterson opened conversation regarding the tax freeze presentation and general discussion ensued regarding thoughts on the presentation.

Chairman Peterson continued through the agenda and summarized the additional bullet points, specifically identifying the webpage as an upcoming focus. He then proceeded on to discussion regarding Preservation Month and summarized progress.

General discussion ensued regarding the contests and awards.

Commissioner Bohnen recommended using an illustration of the property at 206 N. Washington for the coloring contest and general discussion ensued regarding the property.

The Commission discussed the contests and agreed that both the high school and middle school should use architectural features with the awards being gift cards for the high school level and photography lessons for the middle school.

Chairman Peterson summarized the remaining bullet points including the deadlines and additional efforts he would like to see moving forward.

Adjournment

Commissioner Gonzalez moved to adjourn. Commissioner Bohnen seconded and the meeting adjourned at 5:34 p.m. on January 8, 2014.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sean Gascoigne
Village Planner