

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

June 10, 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 5:00 p.m. on May 13, 2014 in Memorial Hall in the Memorial Building, 19 East Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale IL.

Present: Chairman Peterson, Commissioner Bohnen and Commissioner Gonzalez

Absent: Commissioner Hutter, Commissioner Harloe-Mowery

Also Present: Village Planner, Sean Gascoigne

Minutes

Chairman Peterson introduced the minutes from May 13, 2014. Commissioner Gonzalez made a motion to approve the May 13, 2014 minutes. Commissioner Bohnen seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion

Chairman Peterson opened discussions and summarized the mapping efforts.

General discussion ensued regarding how to fund the mapping efforts and Mr. Gascoigne explained that the Village's budget runs from May 1 to April 30, so adjusting that at this point would not be a possibility, but the Chairman could address these requests with the Village Manager for the 2015/16 budget.

Chairman Peterson introduced the conversation regarding the language of the proposed text amendment for the withdrawal of local landmarking status.

Commissioner Bohnen offered some thoughts and suggested how they would have applied to the application at 319 N. Washington.

General discussion ensued and the Commission suggested further revisions and recommendations for the Village Attorney to consider.

The Commission generally agreed that the language was too broad and that they would like to see it tightened up, as there was reference to "hardship" in the ordinance, but not in the amended standards for withdrawal.

General discussion ensued regarding the term "hardship" and how to potentially define and utilize it within the standards.

Mr. Gascoigne indicated he would take these recommendations back to the Village Attorney for his review.

Chairman Peterson proceeded with the agenda and summarized the Commission's efforts for Preservation Month. He then went on to discuss where he felt they were adequate and what they should focus on improving for next year. He then moved on to discussions regarding the fence regulations and asked Commissioner Bohnen to provide an update.

Commissioner Bohnen summarized his and Commissioner Gonzalez's progress.

Chairman Peterson introduced the agenda item regarding discussion on 206 N. Washington, and how the Commission may be able to offer their thoughts on how to avoid something like this in the future.

General discussion ensued regarding possible solutions. Ideas included pre-construction meetings, as well as the requirement for third party review and sign off, from a structural engineer, confirming that some implementation of means and methods was in place. The Commission agreed that what those means and methods were should not be stipulated, but rather confirmation that some measure was in place. The Commission discussed the possibility of requiring this for homes that were 50 years or older, suggesting that they wanted to garner some level of involvement, without the liability for the Village.

Adjournment

Commissioner Gonzalez moved to adjourn. Commissioner Bohnen seconded and the meeting adjourned at 5:47 p.m. on June 10, 2014.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sean Gascoigne
Village Planner