

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

October 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 5:00 p.m. on October 14, 2014 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 introduced the minutes from September 9th, 2014. Commissioner Bohnen made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Harloe seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion

Chairman Peterson moved on to the agenda's discussion points and summarized the progress of the ongoing mapping project. He indicated that they were still waiting for a response from the Art Institute and would revisit once they were able to reconnect. He then stated that the intent would be to include photos from the Historical Society, as well as a web based mapping product.

The Commission moved on to the discussion point regarding the budget increase, summarized the proposed changes to the budget and confirmed the process needed to move the requested changes forward.

General discussion ensued regarding the proposed changes to the budget and Commissioner Harloe suggested that the Commission outline the spending from 2014, in an attempt to explain the Commission's need for additional money in their budget. The Commission also addressed the different areas of the budget to confirm that the appropriate funding was being requested.

Chairman Peterson introduced the discussion on the proposed changes to the ordinance. He indicated that the requested changes had been made, but that the Village Attorney had offered some additional thoughts for the Commission to consider.

Commissioner Bohnen offered his thoughts and indicated that the attorney's comments didn't necessarily reflect the position and intent of the Commission. He stated that he did

not feel the Barrow's request should have been approved and that the Attorney's comment suggested that their situation should be considered, although that was not the intent of the Commission.

General discussion ensued and the Commission agreed that the ordinance should proceed as originally proposed by the Commission at the last meeting, and should not include the suggested considerations expressed by the attorney.

Chairman Peterson introduced the discussion on the two-tier landmarking process and summarized the intent of the proposed program.

Commissioner Bohnen suggested that the Commission reserve discussion this topic, until the Chairman has had the opportunity to present the revised budget to the Village Manager to confirm that the budget will support the requested process.

General discussion ensued and the Commission agreed with Commissioner Bohnen's suggestion.

Mr. Gascoigne summarized the progress to date for the research pertaining to the protection of historic homes. He explained that the Village Staff was finalizing the process of surveying other Village's regarding their requirements relative to bracing and shoring. He then indicated that as the results can be documented, Mr. McGinnis would then take these findings back to the Zoning and Public Safety Committee for further discussion as to how they wanted to proceed.

With no additional discussion, Commissioner Bohnen identified a program that he came across regarding a website designed to showcasing local homes. He indicated that, depending on the specifics, this type of program may be beneficial to the Commission in their efforts to document homes and complete the mapping project.

Chairman Peterson entertained a motion to adjourn to the workshop at 5:28.

Commissioner Hutter motioned to adjourn to the workshop. Commissioner Harloe seconded. The motion passed unanimously and the Commission opened the workshop. Chairman Peterson introduced the workshop regarding the fence code regulations and the Commission brainstormed on the current requirements and suggested including this item on the next agenda to discuss the possibility of amending the language for fences in the front yard as the Commission agreed that fences contributed to the curb appeal and historic integrity of the Village.

Adjournment

Chairman Peterson suggested the Commission use this conversation as a starting point for a discussion at next month's meeting on the feasibility of changing the language.

With no additional discussion, Chairman Peterson entertained a motion to adjourn the workshop. Commissioner Bohnen motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Harloe seconded and the workshop was adjourned at 6:05 p.m. on October 14, 2014.

Respectfully Submitted,

Historic Preservation Commission
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Sean Gascoigne
Village Planner