

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

May 12, 2015

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 12, 2015 in Memorial Hall in the Memorial Building, 19 East Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale IL.

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

Absent:

Also Present: Chan Yu, Village Planner

Minutes

Chairman Peterson introduced the minutes from April, 2015 meeting. Chairman Peterson asked for a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Mowery made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Commissioner Bohnen seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion – Map Project

Chairman Peterson discussed the ongoing efforts to create a landmark map, including a mapping application with the design of the new website. He explained they are gaining traction on it and he gave staff his recommendations. He also reflected on the examples that were shown. However, this review was in April and that the website is not live yet.

Commissioner Mowery asked who Chairman Peterson met with.

Chairman Peterson replied with Amy from the I.T. Department.

HPC Budget Update

Chairman Peterson asked if the budget was approved.

Chan Yu, Village Planner replied yes it was.

Chairman Peterson reviewed, based on the budget, to invite and discuss with architects, builders from out of town and preservation experts for a “meet-and-greet” on perhaps a Saturday.

Commissioner Bohnen reflected on a previous educational discussion over breakfast with builders and staff.

Commissioner Mowery asked how long ago that was.

Commissioner Bohnen mentioned about 10 years ago. The discussion stemmed from frustrations from the builders with the zoning and building codes. He next reflected on the current trend in real estate.

Chairman Peterson suggested we look at potential advertising opportunities with the approved budget.

2nd Tier Landmarking

Chairman Peterson reiterated that the Commission should come up with a different name for this program.

Fence Regulations

Chairman Peterson wanted to make sure the Ordinance is available and that the exact adjustments can be reviewed and discussed in the future.

Commissioner Bohnen asked if they should be creating a rough draft or memo to staff.

Chairman Peterson mentioned there is a good start in a draft memo he created approximately 4 months ago, that reflects on how they would like to adjust the code.

Commissioner Bohnen brought up new examples of rod iron fences and various heights around town.

Commissioner Mowery asked if they should include anything in next month's packet.

Chairman Peterson suggested the biggest challenge is finding out how to amend the code and where exactly.

Commissioner Bohnen wants to move things along and take pictures since the weather is getting nicer. He also suggested having a more relaxed code (wide parameters) to prevent people from getting creative and applying for a variance.

Chairman Peterson suggested maybe a percentage or average, versus a simply a set figure to start at.

Protection of Historic Homes

Chairman Peterson reiterated the importance to stay on top of when this item will be placed on the Board Agenda (but nothing new to report).

Preservation Month

Chairman Peterson asked Chan if the prizes are wrapping up.

Chan Yu, Village Planner replied yes.

Chairman Peterson reviewed the winners and asked about the number of the submissions.

Chan Yu replied with over 12 submittals.

Chairman Peterson asked how the judging went.

Commissioner Mowery replied great, and that the judges enjoyed it. She also mentioned that they commented on the better quality of homes and complimented the spreadsheet that mapped out the homes.

Commissioner Bohnen mentioned there seems to be a renewed interest in it.

Commissioner Mowery suggested for more awareness because she was unsure of how many people know about this award contest the HPC coordinates.

Ideas for the contest moving forward and historical winner discussion ensued.

Commissioner Bohnen again reiterated the renewed interest in historical homes.

Chairman Peterson reviewed again the award ceremony on Tuesday, 6:30 PM on May 19th.

Chairman Peterson noted we need to clean up the list on the map from the 2012 spreadsheet. He mentioned he will give Commissioner Mowery his files.

Discussion of how the map functions and who populates it ensued. Chairman Peterson mentioned pictures and inputting 2 homes per month to the spreadsheet will be necessary.

Adjournment

With no additional discussion, Chairman Peterson asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Bohnen made the motion and Commissioner Hutter seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 5:29 p.m. on May 12, 2015.

Respectfully Submitted,



Chan Yu, Village Planner