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MINUTES  
VILLAGE OF HINSDALE  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

May 2, 2018

Memorial Hall – Memorial Building, 19 East Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale  
6:30 P.M.

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Chairman Bohnen called the meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) to order at 6:45 p.m. on May 2, 2018, in Memorial Hall in the Memorial Building, 19 East Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale IL.

Present: Chairman Bohnen, Commissioner Gonzalez, Commissioner Prisby, Commissioner Weinberger, Commissioner Williams and Commissioner Haarlow  
Absent: Commissioner D’Arco  
Also Present: Chan Yu, Village Planner

**Minutes**

Chairman Bohnen introduced the minutes from the April 4, 2018, meeting and asked for any comments. Commissioner Gonzalez requested a change to the transcript for Case HPC-02-18, to add “9’ in vertical elevation” on line 22 of page 16. (Discussion regarding Case HPC-02-18 and the building permit process ensued.)

With no other comments, the HPC **unanimously approved, 6-0** (1 absent) the minutes from the April 4, 2018, meeting, with the requested revision.

**Commissioner Prisby made a motion to flip the order of the sign applications so that Case A-18-2018 is reviewed before Case A-16-2018. Commissioner Gonzalez seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.**

**Signage in the Historic Downtown District**

**Case A-18-2018 – 29 E. First Street – 1 Wall Sign application in the Historic Downtown District for Harry & Eddie’s**

The owner of Harry & Eddie’s, Brian Goewey, and the sign company introduced themselves, and presented the request to install a new wall sign on the canopy, same location of the former Cine wall sign.

Commissioner Prisby stated that he reviewed this and had no issues with it, and felt it fit well with the building.

Commissioner Williams had a question about the name of the restaurant, regarding “Bill”, the architect of the building.

Mr. Goewey replied the names of the restaurant have additional meaning. The corporate chef's grandfather's name is Harry, and his grandfather's name is Eddie. He added the goal is to remove the existing Cine signage to better expose the historic building and features.

The HPC supported the request, and a motion to recommend **approval** of the sign application, as submitted, was **unanimously approved, 6-0 (1 absent)**

### **Signage in the Historic Downtown District**

#### **Case A-16-2018 – 36 E. Hinsdale Avenue – Salon Lofts – 2 Illuminated Wall Signs in the Historic Downtown District.**

The sign applicant introduced himself from Olympic sign company, and presented the scope of the sign request for 1 illuminated wall sign on the front of the building facing Hinsdale Avenue, and a second illuminated wall sign on the back of the building facing the parking lot.

Chairman Bohnen asked the nature of the business.

The applicant replied it is a high end beauty salon.

Chairman Bohnen asked if the business, Salon Lofts stays open at all hours.

The applicant replied he is not sure, but it likely closes at 9 or 10 PM, based on the north shore locations.

Commissioner Prisby asked why there needs to be a sign at the back of the building.

The applicant replied that he believes patrons could enter from the rear door.

Commissioner Williams stated the uncertainty makes it more difficult for the HPC to review the request.

Discussion of the former Foster Toys signage at the back of the building and the name of "Salon Lofts" ensued.

Commissioner Prisby stated that he understands the need for signage, however, if the signage in the rear will not be a primary entrance into the business, he does not see the need for the sign at the back of the building.

Chairman Bohnen stated that he is opposed to illuminated signage.

Commissioner Williams stated that signage that is both halo lit and face lit is not in keeping with the historic character of Hinsdale. She presented photos of the difference between halo lit and both halo and face lit, and is opposed to the latter.

Commissioner Gonzalez asked if that means it is essentially double illuminated.

Commissioner Williams and Weinberger replied correct.

Chairman Bohnen asked if the photo sim is an accurate depiction of how the sign would appear illuminated.

The applicant replied it is the best they can do, and is illuminated by standard 100 watt LED.

Commissioner Prisby asked if there has been any consideration for exterior down lights, which better suits the historic downtown district.

The applicant stated that he can report to Salon Lofts the HPC's concerns.

A motion to recommend **disapproval** of the sign application, as submitted, was unanimously approved, **6-0 (1 absent)**, with a recommendation to illuminate with down lights.

### **Discussion - Hinsdale Historical Society Mobile Tours App Update**

Commissioner Weinberger reviewed that there are two events, on May 11 at KLM for the app kickoff, and an ice cream social with the tentative date of June 3<sup>rd</sup>.


Commissioner Prisby asked about the time for the May 11 event.

Commissioner Weinberger replied it is during the Kitchen Walk, from 10 AM to 2 PM.

### **Adjournment**

The HPC unanimously agreed to adjourn at 7:36 PM on May 2, 2018.

Respectfully Submitted,

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