

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

September 5, 2018

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

Chairman Bohnen called the meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) to order at 6:30 p.m. on September 5, 2018, in Memorial Hall in the Memorial Building, 19 East Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale IL.

Present: Chairman Bohnen, Commissioner Prisby, Commissioner Gonzalez and Commissioner Haarlow
Absent: Commissioner Weinberger, Commissioner D'Arco, and Commissioner Williams
Also Present: Chan Yu, Village Planner
Applicant for cases: HPC-06-2018

Minutes

Chairman Bohnen introduced the minutes from the July 11, 2018, meeting and asked for any comments.

With no comments, the HPC **unanimously approved, 4-0 (3 absent)** the minutes from the July 11, 2018, meetings.

Signage in the Historic Downtown District

Case A-36-2018 – 36 S. Washington St. – Compass – 1 Awning Sign

Chan stated that the sign applicant is unable to present the request to the HPC, however, he can help with questions the HPC may have.

Commissioner Prisby asked if it is 2.48 SF they are asking for.

Chan responded correct.

Commissioner Prisby asked what are they allowed.

Chan responded 25 square feet, and clarified that for awning signage, text is only allowed on the valance of the awning, and not on the slope.

Commissioner Prisby asked if they are reusing the structure.

Chan responded yes, and replacing the awning fabric.

Chairman Bohnen asked for any additional comments by the HPC.

Commissioner Prisby stated that he has no issues with it because it is much smaller than the maximum signage area, the color/design are simple and consistent with what is existing.

Commissioner Gonzalez and Commissioner Haarlow concurred.

The HPC was supportive for the request and recommended **approval** of the sign as submitted **unanimously, 4-0 (3 absent)**.

Public Meeting

Case HPC-06-2018 – 329 E. 6th Street - Request for Certificate of Appropriateness to restore a historic home on the National Register of Historic Places in the Robbins Park Historic District

The applicant, Dave Knecht presented the proposed restoration plans, in great detail, to best restore the nationally registered home in the Historic Robbins Park District. He also reviewed the pieces of the home that they are able to salvage and reuse after the unfortunate fire. He also reviewed areas of the interior that was modernized with amenities in the early 2000's, and to restore it with the historic integrity found throughout the rest of the home.

Chairman Bohnen asked if they feel they have sufficient funds for this project.

The applicant responded yes, the insurance coverage is very good.

Commissioner Gonzalez expressed his concern about documentation, early on with the state historic preservation officer, in regards to the historic tax freeze program. He explained, the earlier you begin working with them, the smoother the process will be.

The HPC commended the applicant for its objective to restore the home with its historic elements and recommended **approval** of the Certificate of Appropriateness, **4-0 (3 absent)**.

Discussion - Memorial Hall 90th Anniversary Celebration

Tom Lynch, of American Legion Post 250 reviewed the plan for re-dedication on Sunday, November 11, 2018. The plan is to have an open house (at 11 AM) before the dedication ceremony. He also reported that he has invited Governor Rauner, but won't have an answer until October 11, 2018. Joe Craig, a former post commander stated that he would like a blessing from the Village as to what they are planning for, to promote some of the history of the Village.

Chairman Bohnen expressed that he's sure the Village is supportive, but the question is how it can assist them in order to have a good celebration. There needs to be more discussion about coordinating the celebration so it was continued for the next HPC meeting.

Adjournment

The HPC unanimously agreed to adjourn at 7:22 PM on September 5, 2018.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chan Yu, Village Planner