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**MINUTES
VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Memorial Hall
19 E. Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale, IL
Wednesday, November 3, 2021
6:30 P.M.**

Call to Order & Roll Call

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) was called to order by Chairman Bohnen on Wednesday, November 3, 2021 at 6:38 P.M. in Memorial Hall of the Memorial Building.

Roll call was taken and a quorum was present at the meeting.

Present: Commissioner Sarah Barclay, Commissioner Jim Prisby, Commissioner Alexis Braden, and Chairman John Bohnen

Absent: Commissioner Shannon Weinberger, Commissioner Bill Haarlow, Commissioner Frank Gonzalez

Also Present: Bethany Salmon, Village Planner

Approval of the Minutes – October 6, 2021

Chairman Bohnen introduced the minutes from the October 6, 2021 meeting and asked for comments. No comments were made.

A motion was made by Commissioner Prisby, seconded by Commissioner Barclay, to approve the October 6, 2021 minutes, as submitted. The motion carried by a roll call vote of 4-0 as follows:

Ayes: Commissioner Barclay, Commissioner Braden, Commissioner Prisby, Chairman Bohnen

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Commissioner Weinberger, Commissioner Haarlow, Commissioner Gonzalez

Signage

a) Case A-28-2021 – 6 W. Hinsdale Avenue – Indifference Salon – Installation of One (1) Wall Sign and One (1) Permanent Window Sign

The representative from the sign company, Independent, Ltd., was present at the meeting to provide an overview of the sign, material, and design. The sign representative stated the first proposed sign would be a non-illuminated wall sign located above the window, which would be composed of an aluminum composite material and have a flat black background with white graphics.

The representative stated the second sign proposed would be a window graphic measuring nine (9) inches by sixty-five (65) inches at the bottom of the window. The sign is a vinyl band with an etched glass appearance to give the window a frosted look.

Commissioner Prisby asked for clarification on the background color of the aluminum wall sign. It was confirmed a black vinyl would be installed over the white aluminum and the only white lettering would be visible.

Commissioner Prisby asked if the window sash would remain white. The sign representative confirmed the window sash would remain white in color. Commissioner Prisby stated he did not have a problem with the sign itself as long as the window sash remains white to be consistent with every other window on the building and the architectural style of it. The sign representative stated the proposed sign is consistent with the design of another sign on the building.

It was confirmed the simulated etched glass design of the sign and the measurement proposed was allowable within the sign regulations. Ms. Salmon clarified the interpretation of code allows for two (2) signs per user for certain types of signs, in this case the permanent window sign plus the wall sign, as long as it falls under the maximum twenty-five (25) square feet allowed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Barclay, seconded by Commissioner Braden, to approve Case A-28-2021 – 6 W. Hinsdale Avenue – Indifference Salon – Installation of One (1) Wall Sign and One (1) Permanent Window Sign as proposed. The motion carried forward by a vote of 4-0 as follows:

- Ayes:** Commissioner Barclay, Commissioner Braden, Commissioner Prisby, Chairman Bohnen
- Nays:** None
- Abstain:** None
- Absent:** Commissioner Weinberger, Commissioner Haarlow, Commissioner Gonzalez

Public Meeting

a) Case A-25-2021 – 36 E. Hinsdale Avenue – Performance Wealth Management – Exterior Appearance Review, Site Plan Review, and Sign Permit Review to allow for the installation of one (1) new wall sign and exterior changes to the façade of the building located at 36 E. Hinsdale Avenue in the B-2 Central Business District

Mike Zalud, representing Courtland, LLC, the general contractor, was present at the meeting to address the Commission. Mr. Zalud stated the proposal included a sign to be added above the door for the second-floor tenant, Performance Wealth Management. Mr. Zalud stated the design style was based on the neighboring building (Corner Bakery). The proposed changes on the front of the building include the installation of white trim around the door, navy and gold colors on the wall sign, and three (3) pairs of shutters. On the back of the building, the current black awning above the rear door would be changed to a navy blue awning.

Commissioner Prisby stated he did not have an issue with changing the color of the rear awning or the proposed lighting. Commissioner Prisby stated that the shutters are not needed to enhance the architecture of the building, but if installed, should be half of the window width to be in line with good architectural practices. Commissioner Prisby went on to provide other potential methods that can be considered to dress up the second-floor windows if the shutters spacing cannot be worked out.

Ms. Salmon confirmed the entry was added in 2018. Commissioner Prisby stated that if the proposed entry was constructed, it would be taller than the main entrance to the building, which would be problematic from architectural design perspective. Commissioner Prisby stated a shorter, dropped pediment with pilasters closer to the entrance would be a more proportionate design and bring signage closer to the street level.

A motion was made by Commissioner Prisby, seconded by Commissioner Braden, to approve Case A-25-2021 – 36 E. Hinsdale Avenue – Performance Wealth Management – Exterior Appearance Review, Site Plan Review, and Sign Permit Review to allow for the installation of one (1) new wall sign and exterior changes to the façade of the building located at 36 E. Hinsdale Avenue in the B-2 Central Business District as submitted with elimination of the second floor shutters, reduction of height of the pediment to the point of lowering the top of cap to be in alignment of with the bottom limestone in the east or the top of the window to the west, with narrowing of the pilasters to reflect the new height to allow for the pediment to clear the window, and lowering the gooseneck lighting, and signage to remain the same size but be lowered. The motion carried forward by a vote of 4-0 as follows:

Ayes: Commissioner Barclay, Commissioner Braden, Commissioner Prisby, Chairman Bohnen
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Commissioner Weinberger, Commissioner Haarlow, Commissioner Gonzalez

Public Comment

Chairman Bohnen asked for any public comment. No public comments were shared.

New Business

Chairman Bohnen asked for any items of new business. Ms. Salmon stated the public open house for The Bagley House, located at 121 South County Line Road, was scheduled for Sunday from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM and the public was invited to see the only Frank Lloyd Wright home in Hinsdale. Chairman Bohnen encouraged the public to attend and take the self-guided tour.

Old Business

a) Signage in Robbins Park Historic District

Ms. Salmon provided an update on the revised sign toppers with the amended text. The overall width and height is to remain the same as the previous proposal.

Commissioner Barclay asked about the Church signs being added to the street signs. Ms. Salmon stated that those signs would not be attached to the new street sign poles and the possibility of re-locating those Church signs to existing street sign poles across the street could be looked at.

Commissioner Prisby stated it would be desirable to wait until next month's meeting to vote on ordering the signs to ensure feedback is available from all Commissioners. Ms. Salmon suggested the vote take place at the next meeting to ensure this year's budget amount remains available.

b) Amendments to Title 14 – Status Update

Chairman Bohnen asked for an update. Ms. Salmon reported that staff continues to work with the Village attorney to cross check details within the code. Ms. Salmon stated that she is hoping to bring this to a Committee of the Whole meeting in the next month or so. Ms. Salmon will provide the next draft to the group when available.

Commissioner Prisby asked Chairman Bohnen about sharing his ideas about the map at tonight's meeting. Chairman Bohnen stated he wanted to wait until next month's meeting to discuss this item.

Adjournment

With no other new business items to discuss, a motion was made by Commissioner Prisby, seconded by Commissioner Barclay, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m. after a unanimous vote.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jennifer Spires, Community Development Department