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**MINUTES  
VILLAGE OF HINSDALE  
PLAN COMMISSION  
January 16, 2019  
MEMORIAL HALL  
7:30 P.M.**

Chairman Cashman called the special meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, January 16, 2019, in Memorial Hall, the Memorial Building, 19 East Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale, Illinois.

**PRESENT:** Steve Cashman, Gerald Jablonski, Julie Crnovich, Anna Fiascone, Scott Peterson, and Jim Krillenberger

**ABSENT:** Mark Willobee, Debra Braselton, and Troy Unell

**ALSO PRESENT:** Chan Yu, Village Planner  
Applicant for cases: A-57-2018, A-54-2018, A-55-2018 and Member of Public in regards to A-45-2018

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**Approval of Minutes – November 14, 2018, and December 12, 2018**

The Plan Commission (PC) **unanimously approved** the November 14, 2018 and the December 12, 2018, minutes, as submitted, 6-0, (3 absent).

**Findings and Recommendations – Case A-37-2018 – 724 N. York Rd. - Hinsdale Animal Hospital-Illuminated Ground Sign in the Design Review Overlay District**

Chairman Cashman introduced this item and asked for any comments by the PC. The PC, with no comments, **unanimously approved** 6-0, (3 absent) the Findings and Recommendations as submitted.

**Findings and Recommendations - Case A-24-2018 – Village of Hinsdale – Zoning Code Text Amendment to Section 6- 111(H) Exceptions and Explanatory Notes for the O-2 Limited Office District**

Chairman Cashman introduced this item and asked for any comments by the PC. The PC, with no comments, **unanimously approved** 6-0, (3 absent) the Findings and Recommendations as submitted.

**Sign Permit Review - Case A-57-2018 – Ground Sign Nameplate on existing Med Properties Group Sign on Salt Creek Lane median- Hinsdale Humane Society**

The applicant explained the request to add the Humane Society nameplate to the existing monument sign. The nameplate will fit the existing cutout. Commissioner Krillenberger asked if consideration had been made for any kind of divider between the Humane Society nameplate and the Immediate Care nameplate to avoid confusion. The applicant stated there will be no divider between the nameplates.

The PC, with no further comments, **unanimously approved** 6-0, (3 absent) the application as submitted.

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**Exterior Appearance and Site Plan Review - Case A-54-2018- 330 Chestnut St. Sharon Habiger- Major Adjustment to an Exterior Appearance and Site Plan Review to construct a 2 story accessory structure in the B-3 General Building District**

The applicant described the application for an accessory structure to complement the existing office building at the location. The structure will be 803 square foot structure for the purpose of adding additional storage space to the property. It would be located in the southwest corner of the lot, contain the trash dumpsters and be designed in a similar style and use similar materials as the main office building. The scale would be appropriate so as not to compete with the neighboring 410 Chestnut building and the south side would add green space to the site with ivy growing up the building and other plants and small trees in that area.

Commissioner Krillenberger asked if there was any loss of parking spaces and if the historic buildings used as inspiration were specific to Hinsdale. The applicant responded that the inspiration buildings were generic, historical rail road buildings and that no parking spaces would be lost.

The applicant stated the building designs used for ZBA meetings were general in nature and not the specific design discussed at this meeting. Some discussion took place relating to the necessary variances to build the structure and meetings that took place with surrounding neighbors regarding the design. The number of resident concerns decreased greatly as the specific design of the structure evolved and it was determined that most of the concerns were related to the initial, general structure proposed. Chairman Cashman asked if any concerned residents were present at the meeting; nobody in the audience acknowledged. One anonymous resident submitted a written concern to the PC relating to the zoning process that was discussed briefly. Commissioner Crnovich asked if the F.A.R would change as a result of the structure. The applicant responded that because the space would not be occupied, F.A.R would not change.

The PC, with no further comments, **unanimously approved** 6-0, (3 absent) the application as submitted.

**Public Hearing - Case A-55-2018 – 718 N. York Rd.- Kouris MD Cosmetic Plastic Surgery – Illuminated Ground Sign and Wall Sign in the Design Review Overlay District and O-2 Office District**

**Please refer to Attachment 1, for the transcript of Public Hearing Case A-55-2018.**

The applicant presented the proposed reverse halo lit letters with LED lighting in a new cabinet to existing ground and wall signs. Both signs will be in the same location and be of the same size as the former signage.

The PC, with no further comments, **unanimously approved** 6-0, (3 absent) the application as submitted.

**Public Hearing - Case A-45-2018 – Village of Hinsdale – Zoning Code Text Amendment to Section 9-106(J)(7) to prohibit internally illuminated signage in the B-2 Central Business District.**

**Please refer to Attachment 2, for the transcript of Public Hearing Case A-45-2018.**

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Discussion took place in regards to surveys of nearby communities, Chan Yu requested more time to evaluate the information and ensure accuracy for the cities/villages not reviewed with respective staff. Chairman Cashman requested clarification on language related to internally illuminated signs. Jim Prisby, Hinsdale resident, local architect, and member of Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) expressed a desire for more time to be spent on evaluating information gathered and impacts of changes proposed to the amendment. More discussion followed by the PC on the desire for more information and discussion to take place on the topic so any proposed changes would encourage good design along with effective, intended changes.

The PC **unanimously continued the application** for the February meeting, 6-0 (3 absent).

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m. after a unanimous vote.

Respectfully Submitted by Chan Yu, Village Planner

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In the Matter of: )  
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Kouris MD Cosmetic Plastic Surgery - )  
Illuminated Ground Sign and Wall Sign )  
in the Design Review Overlay District )  
and O-2 Office District. )

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taken at the public hearing of the above-  
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Commission at 19 East Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale,  
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the hour of 7:30 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

MR. STEPHEN CASHMAN, Chairman;

MS. JULIE CRNOVICH, Member;

MR. GERALD JABLONSKI, Member;

MR. SCOTT PETERSON, Member;

MR. JIM KRILLENBERGER, Member;

MS. ANNA FIASCONE, Member.

<p style="text-align: center;">2</p> <p>1 ALSO PRESENT:</p> <p>2 MR. CHAN YU, Village Planner;</p> <p>3 MS. KAREN DODGE, Impact Signs;</p> <p>4 MR. JIM PRISBY, Historic Plan</p> <p>5 Commission Member.</p> <p>6 * * *</p> <p>7 CHAIRMAN CASHMAN: Our next item is a</p> <p>8 public hearing with two items here. The first</p> <p>9 is Case A-55-2018 for 718 N. York Road, Kouris</p> <p>07:57:12PM 10 MD Cosmetic Plastic Surgery for an Illuminated</p> <p>11 Ground Sign and Wall Sign in the Design Review</p> <p>12 Overlay District and O-2 Office District.</p> <p>13 And the second one is Case A-45-2018,</p> <p>14 Village of Hinsdale. That's for a Zoning Code</p> <p>15 Text Amendment for Section 9-106(J)(7) to</p> <p>16 prohibit internally illuminated signage in the</p> <p>17 B-2 Central Business District.</p> <p>18 Anyone who would like to speak on</p> <p>19 this matter, we need to have you sworn in.</p> <p>07:57:41PM 20 Either one of these matters.</p> <p>21 (Ms. Karen Dodge and</p> <p>22 Mr. Jim Prisby sworn.)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">4</p> <p>1 is no actual sign there.</p> <p>2 MS. DODGE: Right. We are replacing</p> <p>3 the cabinet and keeping the base.</p> <p>4 MR. KRILLENBERGER: Great.</p> <p>5 CHAIRMAN CASHMAN: In this picture,</p> <p>6 where was the wall sign? Did it used to be</p> <p>7 here?</p> <p>8 MS. DODGE: Yes.</p> <p>9 CHAIRMAN CASHMAN: So it's gone now? I</p> <p>07:59:33PM 10 went by there today. I was looking but I could</p> <p>11 not figure out where the wall sign was.</p> <p>12 MS. DODGE: Yes. That's where it does</p> <p>13 go. I thought it was still up there.</p> <p>14 But we are putting a new cabinet,</p> <p>15 same location, same size.</p> <p>16 CHAIRMAN CASHMAN: So same size?</p> <p>17 MS. DODGE: Yes.</p> <p>18 CHAIRMAN CASHMAN: Yes. This is</p> <p>19 showing where it used to be?</p> <p>07:59:44PM 20 MS. DODGE: Yes.</p> <p>21 MS. CRNOVICH: I was wondering the same</p> <p>22 thing because the application does say it's</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">3</p> <p>1 CHAIRMAN CASHMAN: All right. So we</p> <p>2 are starting with 718 North York Road. Is there</p> <p>3 an applicant?</p> <p>4 Welcome. Would you just tell us</p> <p>5 who you are.</p> <p>6 MS. DODGE: My name is Karen Dodge and</p> <p>7 I am representing Impact Signs on behalf of</p> <p>8 Dr. George Kouris. This lot has a single-story</p> <p>9 building with just the doctors as a tenant.</p> <p>07:58:39PM 10 There is an existing wall cabinet and an</p> <p>11 existing ground sign.</p> <p>12 We would like to install reverse</p> <p>13 halo-lit letters with LED lighting for both</p> <p>14 signs. The base of ground sign matches the</p> <p>15 brick of the building. Both signs will have new</p> <p>16 cabinets but in the same location as the</p> <p>17 existing.</p> <p>18 CHAIRMAN CASHMAN: Questions of the</p> <p>19 applicant?</p> <p>07:59:06PM 20 MR. KRILLENBERGER: Did I read this</p> <p>21 correctly, it's a replacement of an existing</p> <p>22 sign? And the picture shows at the back there</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">5</p> <p>1 still up there.</p> <p>2 CHAIRMAN CASHMAN: I was thinking, they</p> <p>3 wouldn't put it back. So it used to be there</p> <p>4 and maybe it's being repaired. And then</p> <p>5 basically you would use the same base?</p> <p>6 MS. DODGE: Yes.</p> <p>7 CHAIRMAN CASHMAN: Then for the new</p> <p>8 ground sign.</p> <p>9 MS. DODGE: Yes.</p> <p>08:00:04PM 10 CHAIRMAN CASHMAN: And on both of these</p> <p>11 the black background is nonilluminated at night</p> <p>12 for show?</p> <p>13 MS. DODGE: Correct. Halo lit, reverse.</p> <p>14 CHAIRMAN CASHMAN: Scott, questions?</p> <p>15 MR. PETERSON: No. It's fine.</p> <p>16 MR. JABLONSKI: No questions.</p> <p>17 MS. CRNOVICH: No questions.</p> <p>18 MS. FIASCONE: So this brick is already</p> <p>19 there?</p> <p>08:00:32PM 20 MS. DODGE: Yes.</p> <p>21 CHAIRMAN CASHMAN: Okay, no problem.</p> <p>22 Oh, yes. Next picture. Okay.</p>

1 Thank you. Appreciate it.  
 2 MS. DODGE: Thank you.  
 3 CHAIRMAN CASHMAN: Okay. Do I have a  
 4 motion to approve Case A-55-2018 for 718 North  
 5 York Road as submitted?  
 6 MS. FIASCONE: So move.  
 7 MR. PETERSON: Second.  
 8 CHAIRMAN CASHMAN: Jim?  
 9 MR. KRILLENBERGER: Aye.  
 10 MR. PETERSON: Aye.  
 11 MR. JABLONSKI: Aye.  
 12 CHAIRMAN CASHMAN: Aye.  
 13 MS. CRNOVICH: Aye.  
 14 MS. FIASCONE: Aye.

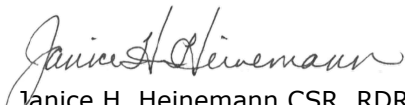
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 5 do hereby certify that I am a court reporter  
 6 doing business in the State of Illinois, that I  
 7 reported in shorthand the testimony given at the  
 8 hearing of said cause, and that the foregoing is  
 9 a true and correct transcript of my shorthand  
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Business District )

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<p style="text-align: center;">3</p> <p>1 misleading, it's 60/40; but it's 1 person.</p> <p>2 60/40.</p> <p>3 MS. CRNOVICH: There is only one</p> <p>4 person?</p> <p>5 CHAIRMAN CASHMAN: Well, there is 5.</p> <p>6 It's 3/2 is the --</p> <p>7 MS. CRNOVICH: That's what I thought.</p> <p>8 All right.</p> <p>9 CHAIRMAN CASHMAN: I would hope that</p> <p>08:02:02PM 10 more than 5 people respond. Chan basically said</p> <p>11 the trustees wanted to take a look at it, and by</p> <p>12 the time it got done it basically went out last</p> <p>13 Friday.</p> <p>14 MR. CHAN: Last Friday.</p> <p>15 CHAIRMAN CASHMAN: Friday, so it just</p> <p>16 went out.</p> <p>17 And then, obviously, there are</p> <p>18 other -- He has a list of his community, his</p> <p>19 survey; and there are still pieces missing</p> <p>08:02:19PM 20 there.</p> <p>21 MR. KRILLENBERGER: Oh, okay.</p> <p>22 MS. CRNOVICH: I had some questions</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">5</p> <p>1 illuminated signage, I wanted to spend some more</p> <p>2 time to polish it up and actually talk to some</p> <p>3 of the communities.</p> <p>4 If you look at my notes, the note</p> <p>5 column, it has link or status. Some of them</p> <p>6 have a website directly to their zoning code.</p> <p>7 Some of the historic districts didn't overlap</p> <p>8 the commercial districts. I just want to make</p> <p>9 sure I'm not missing anything. So for the ones</p> <p>08:03:24PM 10 that have a link, I want to reach out to the</p> <p>11 staff just to make sure that I didn't overlook</p> <p>12 all the pages of the zoning code and historic</p> <p>13 district code. So that's what that's about.</p> <p>14 At your dais, I did get four more</p> <p>15 responses directly from the staff. So that's</p> <p>16 been updated. But I would still like to take</p> <p>17 some time to make sure the ones with the zoning</p> <p>18 code links, as my reference is verified by</p> <p>19 someone over at the community.</p> <p>08:03:55PM 20 CHAIRMAN CASHMAN: Okay. And then if</p> <p>21 you can -- If there is language restricting</p> <p>22 internal illumination, could you provide that?</p>



<p style="text-align: center;">6</p> <p>1 MR. CHAN: Sure.</p> <p>2 CHAIRMAN CASHMAN: Because like, for</p> <p>3 example, on Barrington, when I read their codes,</p> <p>4 signage code and historic district guidelines</p> <p>5 that affect signage, that's not the way it</p> <p>6 reads. It's kind of bizarre the way it reads,</p> <p>7 but it's not the way it reads. It's not that</p> <p>8 black and white.</p> <p>9 It talks about no exposed bulbs and</p> <p>08:04:26PM 10 remote sources but does not say cannot be</p> <p>11 internally illuminated. It would be interesting</p> <p>12 to see, especially since we are proposing to</p> <p>13 modify the Code, it would be kind of interesting</p> <p>14 to see how else this is presenting.</p> <p>15 MR. JABLONSKI: Chan, one observation</p> <p>16 about Galena. It says that fixtures compatible</p> <p>17 with the period in which the building was</p> <p>18 erected. If a the building was erected in 1935,</p> <p>19 would neon be allowable based on that code?</p> <p>08:04:56PM 20 We are all assuming we are going</p> <p>21 back to gas lamp era. If it's in the '50s, do</p> <p>22 you need a martini glass outside? I'm being</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">8</p> <p>1 think have a similar feel and architecture.</p> <p>2 MS. CRNOVICH: Well, and I was -- What</p> <p>3 caught my eye on the survey, some of these towns</p> <p>4 do not have a designated historic district; but</p> <p>5 they have been surveyed. So I assume we are</p> <p>6 looking at towns that do not necessarily have to</p> <p>7 have historic district, like Wilmette?</p> <p>8 CHAIRMAN CASHMAN: I think we should.</p> <p>9 MS. CRNOVICH: Okay. I think --</p> <p>08:06:23PM 10 CHAIRMAN CASHMAN: If that's the sole</p> <p>11 criteria --</p> <p>12 MS. CRNOVICH: I thought it was</p> <p>13 important. Then like Naperville --</p> <p>14 CHAIRMAN CASHMAN: It's definitely</p> <p>15 important.</p> <p>16 MS. CRNOVICH: Naperville, I think</p> <p>17 their historic is mainly single-family homes and</p> <p>18 the campus at North Central. So it's funny</p> <p>19 how --</p> <p>08:06:40PM 20 CHAIRMAN CASHMAN: Some residential</p> <p>21 areas, like Riverside, I think. I believe</p> <p>22 outside the downtown areas is historic, but I</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">7</p> <p>1 serious. If it's written that way, you will get</p> <p>2 neon.</p> <p>3 MR. CHAN: Right. So that's something</p> <p>4 I will need to verify. Right? Fixtures</p> <p>5 compatible with the period.</p> <p>6 CHAIRMAN CASHMAN: And a couple, just</p> <p>7 because I think it would be helpful since they</p> <p>8 are our closer neighbors, is just data on</p> <p>9 Clarendon Hills, Western Springs, LaGrange, and</p> <p>08:05:29PM 10 Downers, that kind of east and west. Oak Brook,</p> <p>11 I don't really think or Burr Ridge, I don't</p> <p>12 think they would be similar; but those towns,</p> <p>13 even though they are not necessarily -- Lemont</p> <p>14 has a historic downtown district, which is a</p> <p>15 business district that would be interesting.</p> <p>16 Elgin, Frankfurt's not too far</p> <p>17 away, that also has a historic downtown.</p> <p>18 MS. CRNOVICH: And my favorite, Geneva.</p> <p>19 Which Barrington was on this list but not</p> <p>08:05:56PM 20 Geneva.</p> <p>21 CHAIRMAN CASHMAN: The Fox River is a</p> <p>22 lot of historic downtown areas there that I</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">9</p> <p>1 don't think the exact downtown is.</p> <p>2 MS. CRNOVICH: It's hard if you look at</p> <p>3 the maps. I did try to look at the maps.</p> <p>4 Unless you are very familiar with the town, it's</p> <p>5 very hard to tell. And I even went to the</p> <p>6 National Park Service website, which by the way</p> <p>7 you can't get information on right now --</p> <p>8 CHAIRMAN CASHMAN: Shut down?</p> <p>9 MS. CRNOVICH: -- because it's shut</p> <p>08:07:06PM 10 down -- to see if they had any recommendations</p> <p>11 or anything with signage, but no luck there.</p> <p>12 CHAIRMAN CASHMAN: Well, thanks, I</p> <p>13 appreciate it, Chan. You have been doing a lot</p> <p>14 of homework on this. I appreciate it.</p> <p>15 MR. CHAN: Yes.</p> <p>16 MS. CRNOVICH: I would like to add,</p> <p>17 too, that I appreciate all the comments from all</p> <p>18 the Commissioners, especially an application</p> <p>19 like this where there was some differences. And</p> <p>08:07:28PM 20 I think that's a part of healthy process of</p> <p>21 reviewing these applications is hearing</p> <p>22 everybody's opinions even when we don't always</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">10</p> <p>1 agree.</p> <p>2 MR. KRILLENBERGER: Julie, on that</p> <p>3 topic, I have asked this question before, so</p> <p>4 maybe just briefly, what is the history? How</p> <p>5 did this end up here, and who is advocating for</p> <p>6 this?</p> <p>7 CHAIRMAN CASHMAN: Well, that's one</p> <p>8 thing that kind of bugs me is this thing where</p> <p>9 it says certain --</p> <p>08:07:55PM 10 MS. CRNOVICH: Some of the trustees I</p> <p>11 believe.</p> <p>12 CHAIRMAN CASHMAN: The only thing, I</p> <p>13 have been kind of asking around, is Luke is one.</p> <p>14 MS. CRNOVICH: Luke, yes.</p> <p>15 CHAIRMAN CASHMAN: The only trustee</p> <p>16 that I'm aware of. And then it was John Bohnen.</p> <p>17 MR. KRILLENBERGER: John Bohnen is a</p> <p>18 trustee.</p> <p>19 CHAIRMAN CASHMAN: No, he's not. He's</p> <p>08:08:09PM 20 on the Historic Preservation Commission, which</p> <p>21 makes sense.</p> <p>22 MS. CRNOVICH: I believe you could ask</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">12</p> <p>1 MR. PRISBY: That's terrific.</p> <p>2 Actually, it's part of the reason I'm here. I'm</p> <p>3 Jim Prisby. I'm a local architect, local</p> <p>4 builder, resident since '74; and I'm on the</p> <p>5 Historic Preservation Commission.</p> <p>6 I wouldn't say I have been</p> <p>7 spearheading anything on this. But this very</p> <p>8 topic came up just last December, beginning of</p> <p>9 the month. And I know it's something that's</p> <p>08:09:20PM 10 been debated greatly at our level for this</p> <p>11 signage in the historic district, illuminated,</p> <p>12 not illuminated, how do you illuminate it. Neon</p> <p>13 versus animated signs versus cabinet signs.</p> <p>14 It's been a big discussion.</p> <p>15 And so when we found out about this</p> <p>16 in December, we started doing a little research</p> <p>17 into this, trying to come up with something</p> <p>18 that's a little more comprehensive from a design</p> <p>19 standpoint, from a philosophical standpoint.</p> <p>08:09:55PM 20 Doing a little more research into</p> <p>21 local communities. I'm glad Chan is doing</p> <p>22 something. Chan, I would like to get my hands</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">11</p> <p>1 this. I think the trustees meet this next week,</p> <p>2 but I believe there is more than just Luke.</p> <p>3 CHAIRMAN CASHMAN: It's weird. It says</p> <p>4 "certain." I would rather know who. If</p> <p>5 somebody wants it, somebody wants -- Who is it</p> <p>6 and why.</p> <p>7 I heard Luke talk to it, but I know</p> <p>8 this isn't a meeting, but I couldn't really --</p> <p>9 It ways a very short little session.</p> <p>08:08:37PM 10 MS. CRNOVICH: I think the reason Luke</p> <p>11 brought it up at the meeting is because he</p> <p>12 chairs on the public safety so that falls under</p> <p>13 his duties. But I believe there are other</p> <p>14 commissioners who or trustees -- excuse me --</p> <p>15 who are in favor of this.</p> <p>16 CHAIRMAN CASHMAN: Good to know. Thank</p> <p>17 you. Sorry for delay.</p> <p>18 MR. PRISBY: No, no problem. Good to</p> <p>19 be here tonight.</p> <p>08:08:56PM 20 CHAIRMAN CASHMAN: This is our third</p> <p>21 meeting on this. Some day we will be able to</p> <p>22 vote on it.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">13</p> <p>1 on that when you are done with that.</p> <p>2 And also statewide and nationally,</p> <p>3 how different people treat signage in historic</p> <p>4 districts for business districts. And we are</p> <p>5 just at the onset of this. So we haven't even</p> <p>6 really discussed this as a board level so I'm</p> <p>7 kind of glad that it's not being voted on</p> <p>8 tonight.</p> <p>9 CHAIRMAN CASHMAN: You have plenty of</p> <p>08:10:25PM 10 time.</p> <p>11 MR. PRISBY: That's what I was really</p> <p>12 here to ask for was for some time for us to kind</p> <p>13 of do our research, debate it at our level from</p> <p>14 just a historic district standpoint. And then</p> <p>15 maybe put together a position paper for you guys</p> <p>16 to kind of weigh in on. I would love --</p> <p>17 CHAIRMAN CASHMAN: That would be</p> <p>18 helpful.</p> <p>19 MR. PRISBY: I would love to see</p> <p>08:10:46PM 20 something that works for everybody. And what</p> <p>21 I'm finding, just based on my initial research,</p> <p>22 is that some of my preconceptions are already</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">14</p> <p>1 being challenged on what I would want for  2 lighting in a historic district.  3 I found some great literature,  4 which I will end up sharing with you guys at  5 some point, that talks about the aesthetic  6 nature as it relates to the building  7 specifically, whether it's a newer building,  8 older building. I think some of that came up  9 earlier tonight on age of a building and whether  10 something should be allowed in neon.  11 It's been kind of a fascinating  12 subject that we're just delving into. So I was  13 here to ask for a little more time before  14 something gets weighed in on. Sounds like --  15 CHAIRMAN CASHMAN: You will the time.  16 A couple questions I have.  17 MR. PRISBY: Sure.  18 CHAIRMAN CASHMAN: Because to me it's  19 interesting when this came up, my first reaction  20 was -- and I have been here for a long time --  21 is what are, where are the problems.  22 So driving around at night,</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">16</p> <p>1 MS. CRNOVICH: Oh, that's so light;  2 isn't it?  3 CHAIRMAN CASHMAN: This is a halo-lit  4 sign.  5 MR. PRISBY: Right.  6 MS. CRNOVICH: But the inside is all  7 lit up.  8 CHAIRMAN CASHMAN: On this side?  9 MS. CRNOVICH: Oh, sorry. They keep  10 the inside so bright.  11 CHAIRMAN CASHMAN: We don't have a  12 whole lot of illuminated signs, which is one of  13 my -- My concern is at night Hinsdale rolls up  14 the sidewalks. It really shuts down. If it  15 wasn't for the few restaurants we have going,  16 there is nothing happening there.  17 MR. PRISBY: Right.  18 CHAIRMAN CASHMAN: Which is kind of a  19 shame, especially if I was watching the tax  20 dollars roll into the town's coffers, ideally, I  21 think once we have got a parking structure, and  22 we have more of a foothold, let's say the number</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">15</p> <p>1 looking, ironically, what I think is one of the  2 oldest and what I would consider one of the most  3 problematic sign, one of the most kind of a  4 near-and-dear to Hinsdale establishments  5 is Page's. Page's is an old-style, probably  6 not -- That box is probably from 1950. I mean  7 that's the same one that was there back before  8 it was Page's when I was a kid. And it's just a  9 basic box sign with a white illuminated  10 background. So you look at it night, and they  11 do have it illuminated at night. It's  12 interesting.  13 But then when I look at like Corner  14 Bakery, which is their thing, to me that glows a  15 hell of a lot more because they are illuminating  16 the whole facade of the building.  17 MR. PRISBY: Right.  18 CHAIRMAN CASHMAN: Is that really the  19 right solution?  20 MR. PRISBY: Maybe not, right.  21 CHAIRMAN CASHMAN: That's brighter.  22 You look next door, this is --</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">17</p> <p>1 of restaurants doubled. Well, maybe at some  2 point some of the stores will decide maybe we  3 should stay open till 8 o'clock and get some  4 foot traffic and sell something. Right now they  5 pretty much all shut down. So who cares about  6 illuminated sign, there is no one there to shop.  7 MR. PRISBY: We have had that  8 discussion.  9 CHAIRMAN CASHMAN: Correct. So I think  10 that's interesting.  11 And my concern is we had FedEx  12 here, a national group like that that made a  13 nice investment in town. You know, they wanted  14 an internally illuminated sign, they had  15 illuminated letters. But could you have done  16 the same sign with the halo or backlit, and  17 could that have still worked for them, you know,  18 so not turn away a national chain.  19 So there is a lot of -- Actually,  20 what's interesting, like Bluemercury, they are  21 not open at night. But their sign, it's about  22 as subtle you can get. It's illuminated. But</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">18</p> <p>1 you wouldn't, you have to really look at it.</p> <p>2 It's blue. It's a very light blue or dark blue</p> <p>3 background, like halo lit. And I think it's a</p> <p>4 tasteful sign. So I don't know that eliminating</p> <p>5 that is the right solution.</p> <p>6 I almost wonder if we would be</p> <p>7 better off to create some guidelines. Like</p> <p>8 Barrington is really interesting. Barrington</p> <p>9 has some guidelines --</p> <p>08:14:16PM 10 MR. PRISBY: You are totally on the</p> <p>11 path that --</p> <p>12 CHAIRMAN CASHMAN: -- to encourage good</p> <p>13 design.</p> <p>14 MR. PRISBY: There are some documents</p> <p>15 that we found that really start by talking about</p> <p>16 what you are trying to preserve, what you are</p> <p>17 trying to promote, and then creating a design</p> <p>18 philosophy for the entire community, the entire</p> <p>19 district. And then starts to focus down on</p> <p>08:14:37PM 20 individual building styles of architecture,</p> <p>21 prominent architectural pieces that you don't</p> <p>22 want to hide or touch or distract from.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">20</p> <p>1 shared this with a few people. I'm working with</p> <p>2 one other individual.</p> <p>3 CHAIRMAN CASHMAN: And I would love to</p> <p>4 hear from you, too, on what do you think the</p> <p>5 current problems are.</p> <p>6 Because it was interesting, we</p> <p>7 talked -- you weren't here yet -- I know you</p> <p>8 never liked that MyEyeDr. one. So I kind of</p> <p>9 went back to look, okay, why does that bother</p> <p>08:15:45PM 10 you so much. So I look at it, and I go, let's</p> <p>11 go back. We pull the drawings. So Chan and I</p> <p>12 emailed back and forth. What got built wasn't</p> <p>13 what was approved.</p> <p>14 MS. CRNOVICH: I know.</p> <p>15 CHAIRMAN CASHMAN: And they just</p> <p>16 changed it I think like yesterday or something.</p> <p>17 So I drove past it last night, I think it looks</p> <p>18 better.</p> <p>19 MS. CRNOVICH: They changed the sign?</p> <p>08:16:02PM 20 MR. PRISBY: Yes, they did.</p> <p>21 MS. CRNOVICH: They did.</p> <p>22 MR. PRISBY: That sign is right under</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">19</p> <p>1 CHAIRMAN CASHMAN: Right.</p> <p>2 MR. PRISBY: And it didn't really weed</p> <p>3 out anything more than, in most cases almost</p> <p>4 universally, you have no animated signs, no</p> <p>5 moving lights.</p> <p>6 CHAIRMAN CASHMAN: Yes.</p> <p>7 MR. PRISBY: Pretty much everyone</p> <p>8 agrees on that. But beyond that, everything</p> <p>9 else was fair game including things like neon</p> <p>08:15:07PM 10 outlines if done on a appropriate building with</p> <p>11 an appropriate sign.</p> <p>12 CHAIRMAN CASHMAN: Right.</p> <p>13 MR. PRISBY: Why would you discount</p> <p>14 that if it's appropriate for the age of the</p> <p>15 building?</p> <p>16 CHAIRMAN CASHMAN: Right. We have</p> <p>17 quite a mix in the downtown. We have some</p> <p>18 beautiful buildings and we have some kind of</p> <p>19 dogs.</p> <p>08:15:24PM 20 MR. PRISBY: So again, we are really</p> <p>21 early on this. There are a few board members</p> <p>22 who haven't even seen material yet. I've only</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">21</p> <p>1 my window.</p> <p>2 MS. CRNOVICH: I know it is. I was</p> <p>3 going to ask you.</p> <p>4 MR. PRISBY: So the guy just popped up</p> <p>5 in my window as I'm working yesterday, scared</p> <p>6 the heck out of me. So I knew they did</p> <p>7 something.</p> <p>8 CHAIRMAN CASHMAN: So it was</p> <p>9 interesting because we were looking back at the</p> <p>08:16:14PM 10 detail. I ran it past Chan, I go, this says</p> <p>11 it's an opaque background; and that's not</p> <p>12 allowed to be transparent. I just can't</p> <p>13 remember. I bet that thing is glowing. I drive</p> <p>14 over there. Sure enough, the whole thing is</p> <p>15 illuminated.</p> <p>16 MS. CRNOVICH: Right.</p> <p>17 CHAIRMAN CASHMAN: So I emailed him the</p> <p>18 .pdf. And he's like, okay. He and Robb went</p> <p>19 over there and told them, and he basically</p> <p>08:16:32PM 20 changed out the faces.</p> <p>21 MS. CRNOVICH: Nice.</p> <p>22 CHAIRMAN CASHMAN: Because now all you</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">22</p> <p>1 see is their logo, which was the intent of the</p> <p>2 Code anyway.</p> <p>3               So like Page's, the Page's sign</p> <p>4 blew off the building. And when they went to</p> <p>5 put it back up, the word Page's could be</p> <p>6 illuminated but not the whole white box.</p> <p>7               MS. CRNOVICH: And actually I know</p> <p>8 there are some sign codes where the lettering</p> <p>9 can be illuminated but not the box.</p> <p>08:16:54PM 10              CHAIRMAN CASHMAN: That's our Code.</p> <p>11 That's ours.</p> <p>12              MS. CRNOVICH: Right.</p> <p>13              CHAIRMAN CASHMAN: That's ours. Page's</p> <p>14 is an existing noncompliant sign.</p> <p>15              MS. CRNOVICH: Right.</p> <p>16              MR. JABLONSKI: FedEx and Verizon, the</p> <p>17 lettering.</p> <p>18              CHAIRMAN CASHMAN: Right. So that's</p> <p>19 compliant. But if they were in a big box.</p> <p>08:17:05PM 20              MS. CRNOVICH: Well, MyEyeDr. was --</p> <p>21              CHAIRMAN CASHMAN: It was supposed to</p> <p>22 be an opaque black or real dark blue or</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">24</p> <p>1 Barrington's. They have things and they clearly</p> <p>2 encourage certain practices.</p> <p>3              MR. PRISBY: Right.</p> <p>4              CHAIRMAN CASHMAN: I think it's smart.</p> <p>5 So I think if we had that in there, the sign and</p> <p>6 working with a downtown store, whatever, and</p> <p>7 they look to these guidelines. And they tell us</p> <p>8 we are encouraging this. I think most cases</p> <p>9 they are going to go that way because they are</p> <p>08:18:12PM 10 going to want to --</p> <p>11              MS. CRNOVICH: Our signage code, I</p> <p>12 don't even want to go into our signage code.</p> <p>13 Our signage code, it's very confusing.</p> <p>14              CHAIRMAN CASHMAN: Right. It doesn't</p> <p>15 have anything as far as -- I mean signage and</p> <p>16 parking are my two -- And parking is the worst.</p> <p>17 Our parking code is ridiculous, doesn't</p> <p>18 encourage good design; and it allows the Village</p> <p>19 to be the worst designer of all. They are</p> <p>08:18:34PM 20 exempted from islands and landscaping.</p> <p>21              MS. CRNOVICH: And landscaping,</p> <p>22 correct?</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">23</p> <p>1 something. Just the wrong material or any --</p> <p>2              MR. PRISBY: So I'm very interested to</p> <p>3 see where this goes and hoping to create</p> <p>4 something that's kind of a living design</p> <p>5 guideline.</p> <p>6              CHAIRMAN CASHMAN: Right. There was</p> <p>7 actually a trustee -- When Luke proposed this,</p> <p>8 I can't remember who the trustee was, they said,</p> <p>9 would this limit like good sign. And that would</p> <p>08:17:29PM 10 be my concern, just throwing like the baby out</p> <p>11 with the bath water.</p> <p>12              You know, what are the problems,</p> <p>13 what are we trying to solve; and then allow for</p> <p>14 good design and still have it.</p> <p>15              MR. PRISBY: I will make sure that you</p> <p>16 get a couple of these links and .pdfs that I</p> <p>17 found that were tremendous. And how I think we</p> <p>18 should end up creating something similar to what</p> <p>19 I found that I think will work great with the</p> <p>20 community.</p> <p>21              CHAIRMAN CASHMAN: And it was</p> <p>22 interesting, looking at some of the codes, like</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">25</p> <p>1              CHAIRMAN CASHMAN: That part. Talk</p> <p>2 about eyesores in Hinsdale in a historic town,</p> <p>3 that parking lot that's along the railroad</p> <p>4 tracks is the worst.</p> <p>5              MS. CRNOVICH: We were talking about</p> <p>6 that after the meeting.</p> <p>7              CHAIRMAN CASHMAN: Some day maybe --</p> <p>8              MS. CRNOVICH: Yes.</p> <p>9              CHAIRMAN CASHMAN: Some day maybe</p> <p>10 they'll repaint.</p> <p>11              MS. CRNOVICH: Yes, maybe they will.</p> <p>12              CHAIRMAN CASHMAN: But I think that</p> <p>13 Chan, would really be helpful. At our last</p> <p>14 meeting, that was one of our concerns was that I</p> <p>15 know that John was involved. We wanted to hear</p> <p>16 from you guys. Because anything in the downtown</p> <p>17 is going past you before it comes to us, and we</p> <p>18 listen to what you guys have to say. It will be</p> <p>19 helpful.</p> <p>08:19:06PM 20              MR. PRISBY: John just brought up at</p> <p>21 the end of the last meeting as a discussion</p> <p>22 point. I guess I got thrown under the bus to</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">26</p> <p>1 start spearheading this.</p> <p>2 CHAIRMAN CASHMAN: Good to have you.</p> <p>3 MS. CRNOVICH: Thank you for coming and</p> <p>4 working on this.</p> <p>5 MR. JABLONSKI: Jim, your Commission, I</p> <p>6 have one recommendation.</p> <p>7 MR. PRISBY: Sure.</p> <p>8 MR. JABLONSKI: You may have done it</p> <p>9 already. I went to Emmanuel Hall to the</p> <p>08:19:24PM 10 Hinsdale Historical Society's archives in the</p> <p>11 basement.</p> <p>12 MR. PRISBY: Right.</p> <p>13 MR. JABLONSKI: They have an incredible</p> <p>14 collection of photos, perhaps, going back as far</p> <p>15 as 1885. And you will be stunned at some of the</p> <p>16 lighting that was in town.</p> <p>17 MR. PRISBY: We have seen some of them.</p> <p>18 MR. JABLONSKI: First and Washington</p> <p>19 had a big, big Walgreen's sign, neon. All the</p> <p>08:19:40PM 20 dry cleaners put up clocks with neon signs.</p> <p>21 CHAIRMAN CASHMAN: It is interesting</p> <p>22 the history of the downtown. The 1920s were the</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">28</p> <p>1 MR. PRISBY: I believe she did.</p> <p>2 CHAIRMAN CASHMAN: Yes.</p> <p>3 MR. PRISBY: She knows her stuff.</p> <p>4 She's terrific.</p> <p>5 MR. JABLONSKI: Tell her to bring all</p> <p>6 the photos that depict reality.</p> <p>7 MR. PRISBY: And I think that's what's</p> <p>8 important is to create something like you are</p> <p>9 talking about that is maybe more encouragement</p> <p>08:20:43PM 10 and less no.</p> <p>11 CHAIRMAN CASHMAN: Right. I mean the</p> <p>12 only thing we can clearly say no in our signage</p> <p>13 code is neon because there was that, there was</p> <p>14 someone who listed -- They never got, I think</p> <p>15 it's in the planning; but they were looking to</p> <p>16 do a restaurant in the old Foster's store. And</p> <p>17 they wanted to do a sign. It's a big, kind of</p> <p>18 old-style, with a martini glass maybe. I don't</p> <p>19 know what it was going to be.</p> <p>08:21:04PM 20 MR. PRISBY: It was an arrow coming in.</p> <p>21 It was about 11 times the size of the ordinance.</p> <p>22 CHAIRMAN CASHMAN: Yes. And I remember</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">27</p> <p>1 roaring -- That's when most of it happened, and</p> <p>2 what was going on in the '20s is not necessarily</p> <p>3 all gooseneck lamps.</p> <p>4 MR. PRISBY: Right.</p> <p>5 MR. JABLONSKI: There were no gooseneck</p> <p>6 lamps. I could not find a gooseneck lamp. But</p> <p>7 I kind of liked the Walgreen's sign.</p> <p>8 MR. KRILLENBERGER: It was Bedford</p> <p>9 Falls without George Bailey. It was craziness.</p> <p>08:20:06PM 10 MR. JABLONSKI: You might want to meet</p> <p>11 with those people. The curator there is a</p> <p>12 wonderful young lady. And they will walk you</p> <p>13 through the photographs. They would even put a</p> <p>14 presentation together for you.</p> <p>15 MR. PRISBY: I'm sure they would. I</p> <p>16 mean Shannon and Sandy are on our board.</p> <p>17 MR. JABLONSKI: Oh, okay.</p> <p>18 CHAIRMAN CASHMAN: Oh, that's right.</p> <p>19 MR. PRISBY: They bring material</p> <p>08:20:17PM 20 constantly.</p> <p>21 CHAIRMAN CASHMAN: Sandy wrote the</p> <p>22 book, right, Beautiful Hinsdale.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">29</p> <p>1 like I finally saw this email where they were</p> <p>2 giving Chan a hard time, like, Well, if Hinsdale</p> <p>3 would ever want to like cooperate and encourage</p> <p>4 businesses.</p> <p>5 I'm like it couldn't have been the</p> <p>6 sign that queered the whole deal. It must have</p> <p>7 been something else about it, the cost of the</p> <p>8 kitchen or something that caused them to go</p> <p>9 sideways. They could have stood a nice sign,</p> <p>08:21:28PM 10 not necessarily neon.</p> <p>11 MR. PRISBY: I'm sure we will keep you</p> <p>12 updated.</p> <p>13 CHAIRMAN CASHMAN: Thanks, Jim.</p> <p>14 Appreciate it.</p> <p>15 Any other comment, discussion?</p> <p>16 MR. JABLONSKI: I would make a</p> <p>17 recommendation that we table this until they</p> <p>18 finish their discussion.</p> <p>19 MR. KRILLENBERGER: I would agree with</p> <p>08:21:42PM 20 that.</p> <p>21 CHAIRMAN CASHMAN: Well, we will just</p> <p>22 have to keep continuing it. So we have a motion</p>

1 to continue this to next month, and we'll see  
 2 where everybody is at next month and take it  
 3 from there. We are not in any hurry. If we are  
 4 going to change something in our Code, it needs  
 5 to be done right.

6 MS. CRNOVICH: Done right.

7 MR. JABLONSKI: And this one paragraph  
 8 is not done right.

9 CHAIRMAN CASHMAN: Correct.

08:22:06PM

10 MR. JABLONSKI: In my humble question.

11 CHAIRMAN CASHMAN: Do I have a motion  
 12 to continue Case A-45-2018 to our  
 13 February meeting?

14 MS. CRNOVICH: So moved.

15 MS. FIASCONE: Second.

16 CHAIRMAN CASHMAN: Jim?

17 MR. KRILLENBERGER: Aye.

18 MR. PETERSON: Aye.

19 MR. JABLONSKI: Aye.

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20 CHAIRMAN CASHMAN: Aye.

21 MS. CRNOVICH: Aye.

22 MS. FIASCONE: Aye.

1 CHAIRMAN CASHMAN: Do I have a motion  
 2 to adjourn?

3 MR. KRILLENBERGER: I will so motion.

4 CHAIRMAN CASHMAN: All in favor?

5 (A chorus of ayes.)

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7 (Whereupon the further hearing of  
 8 the above-entitled cause was  
 9 continued to February 20, 2019, at  
 10 7:30 p.m.)

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 5 CRR, do hereby certify that I am a court  
 6 reporter doing business in the State of  
 7 Illinois, that I reported in shorthand the  
 8 testimony given at the hearing of said cause,  
 9 and that the foregoing is a true and correct  
 10 transcript of my shorthand notes so taken as  
 11 aforesaid.

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