

MINUTES  
VILLAGE OF HINSDALE  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

October 9, 2012

Memorial Hall – Memorial Building, 19 East Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale  
5:00 P.M.

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Chairman Peterson called the meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission to order at 5:00 p.m. on October 9, 2012 in Memorial Hall in the Memorial Building, 19 East Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale IL.

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Village Planner, Sean Gascoigne

**Minutes**

Chairman Peterson presented the minutes from the August 14, 2012 meeting. Commissioner Bohnen motioned for the approval of the minutes from August 14, 2012. Commissioner Gonzalez seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Discussion**

Chairman Peterson opened discussions regarding the review of the architectural tour map.

Discussion ensued and the Commissioners provided a brief summary on each of their respective homes that they looked at, which included a list of homes that had been torn down since the creation of the map.

The Commission discussed the two-volume set of books that were available from the Historical Society and suggested that the Commission cross reference those with the architectural map and come up with some potential candidates for the map as they all agreed there were several that should go on there. Discussion continued on how to go about choosing homes for the map.

Commissioner Gonzalez mentioned the studies completed by Granacki and Associates and discussion ensued regarding the content of those studies.

The Commission then agreed that utilizing both the Granacki studies, as well as the two volumes of homes, would be a good start for creating a list.

General discussion ensued regarding how to get the public involved in these efforts and the Commission suggested that the public involvement could somehow be rolled into Preservation Month. Discussion continued regarding recent teardowns and the importance of public education and then discussed how to split up the volumes to review.

Chairman Peterson summarized the discussions he had with HAARGIS and indicated that while they would love to have more information, they were not staffed to take it at this point.

General discussion ensued regarding the various documents that are circulated for preservation, including the tax freeze documents and how they could be integrated into the website.

Mr. Gascoigne explained that he had scanned almost all of the pamphlets and was prepared to work with the IT department to get them on a resource page, once the Commission had determined what they wanted to use.

Discussion ensued regarding signage in the downtown and how to manage the enforcement of illegal signage.

Mr. Gascoigne explained that enforcement was a difficult issue as the Village only has one person doing code enforcement, but discussed what the Village was doing to try and improve awareness and enforcement of illegal signage. He then explained how the existing approval process worked.

The Commission then discussed the process and if there was a way to have the signage routed through the Preservation Commission before it is approved by the Plan Commission Chair.

Mr. Gascoigne indicated he would have to find out how the suggested process would impact the language and process as it was approved in the text amendment.

Chairman Peterson said it was not his intent to clog the process if there was a way to avoid that and allow for the Historic Preservation Commission's input. He then asked if Tim Scott could be present for the November meeting.

Mr. Gascoigne indicated that he would ask Mr. Scott and try to have him available for the next meeting.

Commissioner Bohnen referenced the property on the corner of First and Garfield, gave a brief history and requested that it go on the record that he would like to have the Historic Preservation Commission involved in discussions regarding what happens on that corner.

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**Adjournment**

Commissioner Hutter moved to adjourn. Commissioner Harloe seconded and the meeting adjourned at 5:43 p.m. on October 9, 2012.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sean Gascoigne  
Village Planner