

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

November 13, 2012

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

Chairman Peterson called the meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission to order at 5:04 p.m. on November 13, 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 October 9, 2012 meeting. Commissioner Bohnen motioned for the approval of the minutes from October 9, 2012. Commissioner Hutter seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion

Chairman Peterson opened discussions regarding the Hinsdale Architectural Map and asked that all Commissioners review and have comments and updates for the next meeting. He then summarized his thoughts on the various other discussion points from previous meetings, including the tax credit documents and the case studies.

Commissioner Bohnen identified a potential buyer that he had been working with and indicated they were very enthusiastic about landmarking the home, should they move through with the purchase. He stated that he would keep the Commission abreast as to the status.

Chairman Peterson indicated that he had reviewed the website and it appeared satisfactory. He then summarized a conversation he had shared with John Karstrand regarding signage downtown and the status of the conversations being undertaken by the Economic Development Commission as they were working through ideas on processes.

Commissioner Bohnen summarized his feelings regarding the signage downtown and his thoughts on the process and the Economic Development Commission's involvement in the process. He indicated that he understood the staffing issues regarding enforcement and would continue to suggest that all signage review be done by the Plan Commission and also come before the Preservation Commission. He then indicated that he was very happy to see a lot of the objectionable signs in the downtown, removed.

Commissioner Gonzalez questioned who was responsible for the enforcement and removal of illegal signage.

Mr. Gascoigne indicated that Kelly Anbach would typically handle it however in her absence he had been making personal visits to the businesses to manage it.

General discussion ensued regarding the Commission's thoughts on being able to see signs proposed in the downtown and Chairman Peterson indicated that he would reach out to the Plan Commission Chairman to discuss.

Discussions ensued regarding the possibility of notification to the Commission when permits were applied for on historically significant homes. Mr. Gascoigne indicated that he would check again with the Building Department, but that they had just started using new permit software and he wasn't sure what was possible.

Chairman Peterson indicated that next month he intended to start planning for Preservation Month which is in May.

General discussion ensued regarding the reprinting of the Architectural Map and how the process worked in terms of selecting a printer and budget for doing it.

Mr. Gascoigne indicated he would try and have those answers for the next meeting.

Discussion continued regarding the architectural map and what types of resources the Commission should use for the map. They discussed the content and how the Commission wanted to establish the homes going on the map.

Commissioner Bohnen offered some final thoughts and encouraged the other Commissioners to become engaged in the process of educating the public as to the benefits of landmarking as more builders become willing to work with historic homes.

Adjournment

Commissioner Bohnen moved to adjourn. Commissioner Harloe seconded and the meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m. on November 13, 2012.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sean Gascoigne
Village Planner