

MINUTES  
VILLAGE OF HINSDALE  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

March 13, 2013

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 5:07 p.m. on March 13, 2013 in Memorial Hall in the Memorial Building, 19 East Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale IL.

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

Absent: Commissioner Gonzalez

Also Present: Village Planner, Sean Gascoigne

**Minutes**

Chairman Peterson presented the minutes from the February 12, 2013 meeting. Commissioner Hutter motioned for the approval of the minutes from February 12, 2013. Commissioner Bohnen seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Discussion**

Chairman Peterson opened the meeting and began discussions regarding the proposal on First and Garfield. He confirmed no new information had been submitted and then summarized the progress made on the preservation map along with the conversations he had had with the Historical Society.

General discussion ensued regarding the areas that the Preservation Commission would like to collaborate with the Historical Society on, including the preservation map project, online resources and workshops such as “Ask the Builder” and “Ask an Architect” to provide the residents a free resource that may encourage them to rehab or improve a structure, rather than demolishing it.

Loretta Summers, Vice President of the Historical Society was present and confirmed the Societies willingness to work with the Village on these items. She also introduced various programs the Society is hosting in the near future. She suggested that working together with the Preservation Commission, could improve attendance at some of these programs and improve the symbiotic relationship between the two organizations.

General discussion ensued regarding the difficulties in educating both residents and potential buyers the benefits and realities of maintaining historically significant homes, and how utilizing some of these educational tools could increase awareness for both buyers and sellers alike.

The Commission thanked Ms. Summers for coming and Chairman Peterson introduced the discussion on the status of the Burlington Wall.

Mr. Gascoigne explained that he had a very limited background on it as Tim Scott was handling most of the details and he hadn't had an opportunity to touch base with Mr. Scott. He explained that, to his knowledge, this process was a directive from the EPS and the ACA.

Commissioner Bohnen provided the background that he had and general discussion ensued regarding the history and the status. The Commission expressed their interest in providing thoughts if the opportunity arose.

Chairman Peterson indicated that he had two potential homes that the owners are considering landmarking. He requested additional packet information to provide to these homeowners.

Commissioner Bohnen updated the Commission regarding his progress on Preservation Month, indicating that he is working with the Hinsdalean to get more exposure.

General discussion ensued regarding the different resources and newspapers available for publicizing the awards and advertising for nominations, as well as suggestions on how to improve the appearance of the poster to attract and create awareness towards the preservation awards.

Commissioner Harloe summarized their progress with judging and nominations, indicating that they were making good progress and had judges secured.

Commissioner Bohnen introduced the book written by Sandy Williams on the history of Hinsdale and summarized the different functions that have been held to date to promote the book. He explained that the book has had very good reception and that the sales have been very positive. He provided the contact information to get a copy and encouraged everyone that was interested to contact him or Sandy.

### **Adjournment**

Commissioner Harloe moved to adjourn. Commissioner Hutter seconded and the meeting adjourned at 5:42 p.m. on March 13, 2013.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sean Gascoigne  
Village Planner

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