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VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

February 10, 2015

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 5:00 p.m. on February 10, 2015 in Memorial Hall in the Memorial Building, 19 East Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale IL.

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

Absent: Commissioner Gonzalez and Commissioner Hutter

Also Present: Village Planner, Sean Gascoigne

Discussion

Chairman Peterson moved on to the agenda's discussion points and summarized the progress of the ongoing mapping project. Chairman Peterson requested an updated report from Sean Gascoigne on demo permits issued for 2013 and 2014 in order to update the homes that have been demolished and can be taken off the list.

Chairman Peterson asked for an update on the Village website progress and Sean Gascoigne explained that they are still working on the design aspect of the website, which is the most time consuming, and then the content portion will be worked on at which time the landmark map could be added. The goal is to complete the website by May 1st.

Minutes

Chairman Peterson introduced the minutes from January 13, 2015. Commissioner Harloe-Mowery made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Chairman Peterson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion

Chairman Peterson asked Commissioner Bohnen for an update on the Fence Regulations item. Commissioner Bohnen asked Sean Gascoigne for clarification on process for revising the fence code. Sean Gascoigne explained that it is a revision to the Municipal Code hence once the Commission has a recommendation prepared the request would go to the Board of Trustees for consideration and discussion and then a second meeting for final decision.

Commissioner Bohnen provided a summary of his progress and provided suggestions as to possible revisions to the current fence code regarding height limitations on front yard wrought iron fences such as possible five-foot high maximum for front and side yard up to the building line. He also suggested that a requirement that only real wrought iron be a

permitted material for front yard fences. General discussion ensued among the members present in regards specific language to include such as possible specific materials allowed, scale of fence in comparison to size of house, esthetics, etc.

Chairman Peterson suggested that Commissioner Bohnen prepare draft notes and provide photographs of the various fences already installed throughout the Village for comparison purposes and return to the next meeting for further discussion.

General discussion ensued regarding Preservation Month and Chairman Peterson suggested that the Commission should have a good idea as to what their responsibilities are and should already be making progress in those areas. He indicated that he would look for a progress report from each Commissioner in March.

Adjournment

With no additional discussion, Chairman Peterson entertained a motion to adjourn the workshop. Commissioner Harloe-Mowery motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Bohnen seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 5:32 p.m. on February 10, 2015.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert McGinnis
**Director of Community Development/
Building Commissioner**



Date: March 10, 2014
To: Village Board of Hinsdale
From: Hinsdale Preservation Commission
Subject: Building Code Section of the Municipal Code – Iron Fencing Change

Fence Regulations: Looking to update of the current code regarding iron fences.

- In 1998, the Village implemented a fencing code which allowed for 3' high fences in the front of homes. Wrought iron fences were originally not to be included in new 3' ordinance in front yards as they pose no visual obstruction (as opposed to picket fences, which had prompted the review of the ordinance).
- When drafted and approved, no exception for wrought iron fences was made and fences of all types have thus come under the ordinance. Wrought iron fences were mistakenly included in the new ordinance. The intent of the discussions preceding the new ordinance was to exempt wrought iron fences from being limited to 3' in height.
- While wrought iron fences are allowed in front yards, they should not be governed by the 3' high rule since they do not create a visual obstruction by their very nature.
- Looking to allow iron fencing in front of homes.
- Will need to scale the height based on the height of the home and the set back. Need to include a visibility table for fence openness.
- Commissioners have reviewed that most of the older fences are 5' to 6' tall. Looking at front and side yard of 5' tall for wrought iron fences.
- Need to include stone/brick columns in some format.
- Look at true wrought iron fences only.
- Attached are some good and bad options.

In celebration of National Preservation Month in May,
the Hinsdale Historic Commission is calling for nominations for the

2015 HINSDALE PRESERVATION AWARDS

AWARD CATEGORIES

Preservation: Any existing structure (home or business) more than 50 years old whose architecture has not been significantly altered by remodeling or additions, and whose appearance has been maintained to conform to and be consistent with the time period in which the structure was originally built. Nominees will be judged on overall appearance and how well the structure conforms to a recognized historic architectural style.

Compatible Addition: Any existing structure (home or business) more than 50 years old that has undergone a renovation or had an addition completed within the last three years. Nominees will be judged based on overall appearance and the consistency of the renovation/addition with that of the original architectural style of the structure.

Good Neighbor: Any new (three years old or less) structure whose architectural style is compatible with the existing historic architectural styles present in the surrounding neighborhood. Nominees will be judged on overall appearance and the degree to which the new structure visually blends with and enhances the existing community.

A panel of judges with backgrounds in architecture and preservation will determine the winners of the above categories. Nomination of an entry will authorize judges to walk perimeter / exterior of property to examine structure on April 25, 2015.

DEADLINE: APRIL 17, 2015

2015 HINSDALE PRESERVATION AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

Award Category:

Preservation Compatible Addition Good Neighbor

For Compatible Addition nominees only: please describe the recent structural changes (additions and/or deletions) which are the basis for the nomination (e.g. addition of front porch, bump out of second story on west side, removal of incompatible old addition, etc.) _____

Property Address _____ Owner _____

Date Built (if known) _____ Architect/Builder (if known) _____

Architectural Style (if known) _____

Your name _____ Phone Number _____

Submit to: Village of Hinsdale, c/o Robert McGinnis Building Commissioner/Director of Community Development,
19 E. Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale, IL 60521 Email: rmcginnis@villageofhinsdale.org

2015

ARCHITECTURAL ELEMENTS ART CONTEST

- Open to any Hinsdale Central Students ONLY -

Sponsored by the Hinsdale Historic Preservation Commission and The Hinsdalean Newspaper.

GUIDELINES

- Mixed media of a historic architectural feature/element (i.e. roofline, window, molding). Mixed media must be captured in the Village of Hinsdale.
- Size 4" x 6" to 8" x 10"
- Creativity encouraged, Photoshop may be used
- Submittal of work gives permission to have photo published in the Hinsdalean newspaper
- Work must have student's name, school, telephone number and the location of the media submitted
- Submittal must include both the original media AND a digital copy

DEADLINE; APRIL 17TH, 2015

Submittals to be sent to:

Robert McGinnis – Building Commissioner/Director of
Community Development
Village of Hinsdale, 19 E. Chicago
Hinsdale, IL. 60521

**AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED ON
MAY 19TH PRIOR TO THE
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING!**



HPC – Preservation Month 2014

Draft Prize List

Revised April 11, 2014

Coloring Contest – 4-5 year olds

1st prize

5 lessons at Deep Creek Art \$20 x 5=\$100.00

2nd prize

3 lessons at Deep Creek Art \$20 x 3=\$60.00

Coloring Contest – 6-8 year olds

1st prize

5 lessons at Deep Creek Art \$20 x 5=\$100.00

2nd prize

3 lessons at Deep Creek Art \$20 x 3=\$60.00

Coloring Contest – 9-10 year olds

1st prize

5 lessons at Deep Creek Art \$20 x 5=\$100.00

2nd prize

3 lessons at Deep Creek Art \$20 x 3=\$60.00

Architectural Elements Mixed Media (Middle Schools)

1st prize

Workshop with local Photographer Donated by Ebert Studios.

2nd prize

Workshop with Photographer Donated by Ebert Studios.

3rd prize

Workshop with Photographer Donated by Ebert Studios.

Black and White Medium (Hinsdale Central High School)

1st prize

Starbucks and or Hinsdale gift card \$100.00

2nd prize

Starbucks and or Hinsdale gift card \$75.00

3rd prize

Starbucks and or Hinsdale gift card \$50.00

Recap:

\$480 to Deep Creek Art

\$225 to Starbucks

\$705 total spend.