

**Minutes
Village of Hinsdale
Design Review Committee
January 10, 2008
7:30 PM**

Chairman Landefeld called the meeting of the Design Review Committee to order on Thursday January 10, 2008 at 7:35 PM in the Executive Conference Room in the Memorial Building, 19 East Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale, IL 60521.

PRESENT: Chairman Landefeld, Jan Grisemer, Linda Nason McElherne, Richard Olson, Vera Tausk, Laurel Haarlow, Nancy Voss

ABSENT: David Bradley, Kimberly Kozak

ALSO PRESENT: Robert McGinnis, Staff Liaison

Chairman Landefeld introduced the Board Members and roll call was taken showing members in attendance.

OLD BUSINESS

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the December 13, 2007 meeting were reviewed by the members. Motion was made by Jan Grisemer to accept the minutes as amended. Seconded by Vera Tausk. Roll call vote as follows;

AYES: Linda Nason McElherne, Richard Olson, Jan Grisemer, Vera Tausk, Laurel Haarlow, Nancy Voss, Chairman Landefeld.

NAYS: None

ABSENT: David Bradley, Kimberly Kozak

ABSTAIN: None

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Landefeld opened the discussion by asking for feedback from the members based on the research they had done on each of the four communities surveyed.

Discussion focused on the notes Linda Nason McElherne took from her visit to Lake Forest as well as feedback from Vera Tausk and Richard Olson on Glencoe and Park Ridge.

The primary differences between the programs in each community were discussed with the majority of dialog focused on mandatory versus voluntary programs. Any of the communities with mandatory programs had home-rule authority.

Process was also discussed. Members felt that an incentive based program would be the only way to get the building community to participate in the design review process here in Hinsdale based on the fact the Village did not have authority to mandate it. Pros and cons of rebated fees, expedited reviews, and the waiving of some of the bulk zoning regulations were discussed as options. Members felt that the primary concerns of the public would be time and money spent going through the process and that maybe one or both could be used as an incentive. Timing and policing was discussed and members agreed that the implementation of this program would come with costs, both direct and indirect. None of the three communities polled levied a fee to go through the process.

Chairman Landefeld asked the members to identify those pieces from each of the communities surveyed that they liked best and felt would work well in Hinsdale and bring them back to the next meeting for discussion. Staff member McGinnis offered to poll members of the building community that regularly do work in Hinsdale to see what would prompt participation in the program.

With no further business coming before the Design Review Committee, Chairman Landefeld asked for a motion to adjourn. Nancy Voss made the motion. Seconded by Laurel Haarlow. Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Linda Nason McElherne, Richard Olson, Jan Grisemer, Vera Tausk, Laurel Haarlow, Nancy Voss, Chairman Landefeld.

NAYS: None

ABSENT: David Bradley, Kimberly Kozak

ABSTAIN: None

Meeting adjourned at 9:55PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert McGinnis MCP,
Building Commissioner