

**Minutes  
Village of Hinsdale  
Design Review Committee  
May 8, 2008  
7:30 PM**

Chairman Landefeld called the meeting of the Design Review Committee to order on Thursday May 8, 2008 at 7:35 PM in the Village Board Room in the Memorial Building, 19 East Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale, IL 60521.

**PRESENT:** Chairman Landefeld, Jan Grisemer, Laurel Haarlow, Kimberly Kozak, Richard Olson

**ABSENT:** David Bradley, Linda Nason McElherne, Vera Tausk, Nancy Voss

**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 April 17, 2008 meeting were reviewed by the members. Motion was made by Jan Grisemer to accept the minutes as written. Seconded by Laurel Haarlow. Roll call vote as follows;

**AYES:** Jan Grisemer, Laurel Haarlow, Kimberly Kozak, Richard Olson, Chairman Landefeld

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** David Bradley, Linda Nason McElherne, Vera Tausk, Nancy Voss

**ABSTAIN:** None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Chairman Landefeld opened the discussion and stated that he had spoken to President Woerner about the vacancy left by Nancy Voss and was told that President Woerner would work to try and have her serve another term.

Chairman Landefeld asked Richard Olson to discuss the draft guidelines that he had prepared for the meeting. Commissioner Olson went through the materials and commented that he had used published guidelines from Lake Forest, Glencoe, and Park Ridge as his basis, and tended to favor those of Glencoe.

Commissioner Olson commented that Park Ridge had very specific requirements as opposed to Lake Forest and Glencoe that used more pictures and drawings that illustrated "best practice".

Commissioner Kozak raised concerns about style in context to an existing streetscape and felt that an applicant should be required to submit photos of adjacent properties as part of the presentation.

Commissioner Olson stated that garages should be specifically covered within the guidelines, as they are a major element of the home and have a significant impact on the overall design.

Commissioner Grisemer discussed the size and massing of new homes and mentioned an article she had found in Metropolitan Home advocating smaller homes and covering issues relevant to Hinsdale such as teardowns and cooling-periods.

Chairman Landefeld asked members to review the draft that Commissioner Olson had prepared and forward comments to Staff Liaison McGinnis for distribution.

Commissioner Haarlow cited examples from Lake Forest that were very specific with respect to tree preservation as well as new plantings. Also commented on was that any proposed landscaping should be coherent with adjacent properties.

There was some discussion on enforcement and how compliance would be ensured especially on those items completed after the insulation inspection but prior to final. In these cases, an applicant would not have an opportunity to come back to the Commission before the intended move in date. Staff Liaison McGinnis stated that he would contact Park Ridge to discuss enforcement and bring back examples to the next meeting.

Chairman Landefeld asked Commissioner Haarlow to bring back recommendations on landscaping for discussion at the next meeting.

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

**AYES:** Jan Grisemer, Laurel Haarlow, Kimberly Kozak, Richard Olson, Chairman Landefeld

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** David Bradley, Linda Nason McElherne, Vera Tausk, Nancy Voss

**ABSTAIN:** None

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert McGinnis MCP,  
Building Commissioner