

**Minutes
Village of Hinsdale
Design Review Committee
February 14, 2008
7:30 PM**

Chairman Landefeld called the meeting of the Design Review Committee to order on Thursday February 14, 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, Linda Nason McElherne, Richard Olson, Kimberly Kozak

ABSENT: David Bradley, Vera Tausk, Laurel Haarlow, 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 January 10, 2008 meeting were reviewed by the members. Motion was made by Jan Grisemer to accept the minutes as amended. Seconded by Richard Olson. Roll call vote as follows;

AYES: Linda Nason McElherne, Richard Olson, Jan Grisemer, Kimberly Kozak, Chairman Landefeld.

NAYS: None

ABSENT: David Bradley, Vera Tausk, Laurel Haarlow, Nancy Voss

ABSTAIN: None

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Landefeld opened the discussion by asking Staff about the Design Review Workshop hosted by Ancel Glink and the Chaddick Institute. Robert McGinnis stated that the State of Illinois passed legislation in January of this year upholding a municipality's right to mandate a design review program. The key to avoiding litigation is to have a defined set of design review guidelines and a formal process to review and approve submittals.

Chairman Landefeld stated that he felt the "Guiding Principles" in the packet was a good baseline for establishing design guidelines and a process to follow.

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Jan Grisemer provided a historical overview of Hinsdale and the many distinct architectural styles present early on. Members felt that this would be good information to include in the design guidelines. They also felt that the earlier in the process an applicant could get the guidelines, the better the chances of getting a tasteful end product.

Members discussed the bulk zoning regulations and relief that might be granted to encourage participation and how it would be legislated. Issues with building coverage, overall height and sideyard setbacks were discussed along with Floor Area Ratio and its impact on residential architecture. Much of this dialog was initiated due to the responses from the building community.

Members discussed the homes built over the last few years and agreed that the majority of what was being built was tastefully done. This prompted dialog on what percentage of homes being built today really needed architectural guidance. Chairman Landefeld asked members to tour the homes built over the last three years and document cases that would be worthy of design review for discussion at the next meeting.

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. Those pieces will then be cut and pasted to help form a draft.

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

AYES: Linda Nason McElherne, Richard Olson, Jan Grisemer, Kimberly Kozak, Chairman Landefeld.

NAYS: None

ABSENT: David Bradley, Vera Tausk, Laurel Haarlow, Nancy Voss

ABSTAIN: None

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert McGinnis MCP,
Building Commissioner