

**MINUTES
VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

March 11, 2008

**Memorial Hall – Memorial Building, 19 East Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale
7:30 P.M.**

Chairman Stephens called the meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission to order at 7:36 p.m. on March 11, 2008, in Memorial Hall in the Memorial Building, 19 East Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale.

Present: Chairman Stephens, Commissioner Cowell, Commissioner Buczkowski, Commissioner McGue, Commissioner Gonzalez, Commissioner Winterfield, Commissioner Ives, Commissioner Schultz

Absent: Commissioner Arens

Also Present: Village Planner Sean Gascoigne, Student Member Katherine Weller

Discussion

National Register District Update

Chairman Stephens summarized the special meeting for the National Register Historic District. She went into detail about the new area that is now proposed. Commissioner Gonzalez arrives at 7:35. Commissioner Stephens requested to the Commission that a letter should be written to the Board of trustees to lobby for the area between Seventh and Eighth St. Commissioner Cowell asked if it would be easy to simply change the area proposed.

Commissioner Stephens stated that currently a representative from the National Register is looking over this area and will be making decision that is not final and can be changed through a process. Chairman Stephens discussed that the earliest this district could be approved would be in September but a more realistic date would be in December.

National Historic Preservation Month

Chairman Stephens gave an update on the photography contest. She discussed that Hinsdale Central High School did not participate as much as she would have liked in 2006. She wanted to try and get as many submittals as possible. She also indicated that Student Member Weller would try and pass out forms for the photography contest to fellow students.

Chairman Stephens wanted to get an update from the Commissioners regarding the coloring contest and what stage in the process everyone was in. Commissioner Buczkowski stated that she received four gift certificates from Tree Top Kids for the coloring contest and the Village will pay for an additional four out of their budget.

Chairman Stephens questioned how the copies would be distributed because in years past the former Village Planner handled this process. Commissioner Winterfield discussed the process for distribution for District 181 and that every student may need a copy of the contest in order to send it there.

Village Planner Gascoigne stated where these documents have been delivered already and the number sent to each area. General discussion took place about which Commissioner would drop the contest off to which school. Village Planner Gascoigne stated that submittals need to be complete and submitted in by April 1st for the photo contest, coloring contest, and preservation nominations. Chairman Stephens opened a discussion about which homes have been nominated so far for each category. Village Planner Gascoigne went through the list and identified each property for each nomination.

Chairman Stephens stated that the Commissioners are also allowed to nominate properties. She noted that there is also a fourth category regarding commercial property or industrial for nominations such as the Zook home at KLM Park in years past.

Discussion took place regarding judges for each of the categories. Chairman Stephens stated that in years past usually the judges consisted of 3 to 4 people from outside of the Hinsdale community with some type of background in preservation such as a land planner, architect, or student from the art institute. She went through the process of when judging takes place and asked the Commissioners to try and recruit possible candidates to judge the competition. Chairman Stephens opened a discussion about donating money for preservation books.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Shultz moved to adjourn. Commissioner Buczkowski seconded. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sean Gascoigne
Village Planner