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**MINUTES  
VILLAGE OF HINSDALE  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

**April 8, 2008**

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

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Chairman Stephens called the meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission to order at 7:34 p.m. on April 8, 2008, in Memorial Hall in the Memorial Building, 19 East Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale.

Present: Chairman Stephens, Commissioner Arens, Commissioner Buczkowski, Commissioner Gonzalez, Commissioner Winterfield, Commissioner Ives, Commissioner Schultz

Absent: Commissioner Cowell, Commissioner McGue

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

**Preservation Month Update**

Chairman Stephens gave a brief update on the completion dates for each activity and requested from each Commissioner if they will be attending the awards ceremony. Commissioner Buczkowski noted that due to other obligations regarding historic preservation month she will not be in attendance for the awards ceremony.

Chairman Stephens noted two judges are confirmed for the home preservation awards but was unsure as to whom the third judge would be. Village Planner Gascoigne stated he has a confirmed judge who is a student from the art institute and will be in attendance for the judging. He also stated he would remind the winners for the other categories about the possible change to the awards ceremony date.

Chairman Stephens discussed the number of entries of both the photography and coloring contest. Village Planner Gascoigne stated he received several from the middle school but only a couple from Hinsdale Central High School. She also questioned what the prize will be for the photography contest because in prior years the prize may not have appealed towards high school kids. General discussion took place.

Chairman Stephens updated the Commissioners on creating displays in both the train stations and in the public library. Commissioner Arens offered his thoughts on what to put in these displays and how to mount them on the wall. Chairman Stephens questioned if a mixture of photos containing buildings and also older maps and other documents would be included. Commissioner Winterfield agreed and offered to assist Chairman Stephens in the selection and creation of these displays.

Chairman Stephens requested an update on nominations for each of the categories for Preservation Month. Village Planner Gascoigne stated all of the nominations were documented and that there were also a sufficient number of nominations within each group.

**Zoning Re-Write Update**

Chairman Stephens requested an update on how the Zoning Re-Write Task Force has looked at preservation issues. Village Planner Gascoigne gave a detailed discussion on what the Committee has discussed regarding the issue. He also stated that the ZRC Committee would also like to a few Preservation Commissioners in an upcoming meeting to try and get a better idea on how to approach this part of the code. Chairman Stephens discussed what options could be taken when dealing with teardowns and possible alternatives. She also looked at Downtown Hinsdale and possible scenarios if some of these buildings were to be torn done in the future because 80% of the buildings are non-conforming. Village Planner Gascoigne stated the consultant could offer suggestions and thoughts regarding this issue at on of the upcoming Zoning Re-Write Task Force meetings. Commissioner Arens offered his thoughts on the issues regarding the current zoning code and how certain properties would face many difficulties if the buildings were torn down.

### **Robbins Subdivision Dedication**

Chairman Stephens gave an update on the process and how long the process might take and when the dedication could take place. She stated September would be a reasonable timeline but could take longer. She also discussed with the Commissioners on creating a letter regarding the limitations in a National Register District for new families entering the neighborhood. Village Planner Gascoigne stated all of the information is on the Village website and any questions regarding Historic Preservation would be sent to his department.

### **New Commissioner Update**

Chairman Stephens stated this meeting would be the last one for Commissioner Gonzalez because his term would be ending at the end of the month. She also discussed with the Committee about a new member named Marianne Patterson that will be taking Commissioner Gonzalez's spot on the Commission. She also noted that there are still not any candidates for the Chair position for the Commission and possible nominations are still open for discussion.

### **Adjournment**

With no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Arens moved to adjourn. Commissioner Gonzalez seconded. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:21.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sean Gascoigne  
Village Planner