

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
June 10, 2008
Memorial Hall – Memorial Building, 19 East Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale
5:00 P.M.

Chairman Stephens called the meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission to order at 5:03 p.m. on June 10, 2008, in Memorial Hall in the Memorial Building, 19 East Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale IL.

Present: Chairman Kim Stephens, Commissioner Cowell, Commissioner Buczkowski, Commissioner Winterfield, Commissioner Ives, Commissioner Arens

Absent: Commissioner Shultz, Commissioner Gonzalez, Commissioner McGue

Also Present: Village Planner Sean Gascoigne

Minutes

The Commission noted the changes that needed to be made to the minutes from April 8, 2008. Chairman Stephens motioned for the approval of the minutes from April 8, 2008. Commissioner Cowell seconded.

Discussion

Update on Application for 16 S. Monroe

Chairman Stephens summarized what has been going on at 16 S. Monroe and gave a brief description of what took place during the conference call with the homeowner and Village Planner Gascoigne. She described the changes the homeowner's were looking to make and the reason those changes would not be permitted. Chairman Stephens explained the importance of doing a conference call prior to landmarking a home because many questions can be answered before the actual process even begins. Commissioner Winterfield entered at 5:08. Chairman Stephens requested staff to contact Carol Dyson to request contractor info.

Commissioner Arens and Commissioner Cowell opened a discussion about historic windows where to buy and replace old windows that retain the historic character of the home. The Commissioners engaged in additional conversation regarding the landmarking of homes and obtaining a tax freeze credit. Chairman Stephens gave examples of certain homes that are receiving this tax credit.

Commissioner Cowell questioned if changing the siding on a historic home in the tax freeze program would disqualify the home from the program. General Discussion took place. Commissioner Cowell also questioned how different siding on a historic home could affect the tax freeze and landmark status of the home. Chairman Stephens summarized the discussion and also raised the discussion of garages on historic properties

Chairman Stephens noted to the Commissioners that they would be unable to discuss any topics for the Zoning Re-Write Task Force meeting that took place on April 4, 2008 because it was not on tonight's

agenda. She stated the discussion would be continued to the next Historic Preservation meeting in July. Village Planner Gascoigne stated he would email a copy of the minutes from the Zoning Re-Write Task force that took place on April 4, 2008 when they were approved to each member of the Historic Preservation Commission before the next July meeting.

Historic Preservation Commissioner Education Opportunities

Chairman Stephens stated Commissioner Winterfield and herself attended the Hinsdale Historical Society to gather information for educational posters to be placed at both the train station and other places to be determined. Village Planner Gascoigne stated the train station locations were not secured yet but there is a spot open in the Village Hall for one poster.

New Commissioner Update

Chairman Stephens stated that Commissioner Gonzalez's position was filled by Joann Murphy, who is an owner of a landmarked home in Hinsdale. She questioned if this position would be approved by the Village Trustees before the next Historic Preservation meeting in July meeting. Village Planner Gascoigne stated he would look into the matter and make sure this would be approved before the July meeting.

Chairman Stephens stated that a new Chairman for the Historic Preservation was found. She stated she was unsure as to who the new Chairman was but would email the Commissioners when the information became available.

New Business/Old Business

Chairman Stephens informed the Commissioners about a comprehensive map of all of the homes that have been surveyed in the past eight years. She noted that some of the surveys are out of date and may need to be updated or rechecked. Village Planner Gascoigne stated Village staff would be able to complete this map in the upcoming weeks. Commissioner Arens stated he would like to see this comprehensive map on the Village Website, but as a first step to at least outline the survey areas before looking at each house in the area to check for errors of the old surveys. Commissioner Arens also questioned the idea of some type of gateway signs to increase the awareness of Hinsdale's historic downtown. Chairman Stephens stated Tim Scott, the Village Strategist, was working on a project that planned to acknowledge Hinsdale's historic downtown in each designated gateway area through a series of gateway signs that are scheduled to be installed in the coming months depending on budget constraints.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Buczkowski moved to adjourn. Commissioner Cowell seconded. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 5:37.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sean Gascoigne
Village Planner