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MINUTES
VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

February 10, 2009

Memorial Hall – Memorial Building, 19 East Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale
5:00 P.M.

Chairman Keseric called the meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission to order at 5:03 p.m. on February 10, 2009 in Memorial Hall in the Memorial Building, 19 East Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale IL.

Present: Chairman Nick Keseric, Commissioner Arens, Commissioner Murphy, Commissioner Cowell, Commissioner McGue

Absent: Commissioner Shultz, Commissioner Winterfield, Commissioner Buczkowski, Commissioner Ives

Also Present: Village Planner, Sean Gascoigne

Minutes

Chairman Keseric presented the minutes from June 10th, 2008 and the January 13th, 2009 meetings to the Commission and asked if they had any changes to the minutes up for approval. The Commission requested a few minor changes to each set of minutes. Commissioner McGue motioned for the approval of the minutes as amended from June 10th, 2008. Commissioner Arens seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Cowell motioned for the approval of the January 13th, 2009 minutes as amended. Commissioner Arens seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion

Discussion regarding National Trust grant for the rehabilitation of the Burns Fields Warming House

Chairman Keseric introduced the application for Burn's Field and looked to Village Staff for an update on the process. Sean Gascoigne, Village Planner, outlined the process and intent of the grant as well as the funding that may be associated depending on which path the Commission and Village Board intend to take. Commissioner Arens elaborated on the grant and indicated that Carol Dyson would be willing to work with the Commission to help with this project by trying to find a student that would be able to help with the project. Discussion took place over the general scope of the grant and what the money could be allocated towards. Chairman Keseric questioned roughly how much of a cost could the Village expect to see from a project like this. Commissioner Arens stated the number could vary but it is best to wait for the survey to be completed.

Discussion regarding Historic Preservation Commission Goals for 2009

Chairman Keseric opened up a discussion regarding 2009 goals for the Historic Preservation Commission. Commissioner McGue suggested to keep goals very general because of the shuffling in and out of Commissioners this coming fall. Commissioner Arens indicated that one of his suggestions would be to form a sub-committee to review all surveys and research that has been done already to

help market and educate the public on land marking. Commissioner Murphy recommended taking the surveys and determining what has been completed and documented in the surveys. Discussion continued over the surveys and the best way to utilize them.

Commissioner Cowell asked about the newsletter and press release and if that was the only form of notification they would receive. He also questioned what and if any type of signage was planned for the new Historic District. Village Planner Gascoigne summarized the signage and stated due to limited funds, a smaller scale design is currently being developed for each of the four corners of the district. He also touched on the article that will be appearing in the Village Newsletter. General discussion continued over signage options and what will be included in the Village Newsletter.

National Preservation Month

Chairman Keseric introduced the subject and asked Village Planner Gascoigne to update the Commissioners. He touched on events and activities that were successful last year and what could possibly be done this year. He also looked at potential sponsors that could participate in Preservation Month as well as what type of awards should be given to the winners. General discussion took place between the Commission to determine which Commissioners would be able to complete certain tasks associated with Preservation Month. Mr. Gascoigne also briefed the Commission regarding the nomination of historic homes and the meeting schedule that will take place during Preservation Month.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Commissioner McGue moved to adjourn. Commissioner Cowell seconded. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 5:47.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sean Gascoigne
Village Planner