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VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

October 13, 2015

Memorial Hall – Memorial Building, 19 East Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale

5:00 P.M.

Commissioner Gonzalez called the meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission to order at 5:00 p.m. on October 13, 2015 in Memorial Hall in the Memorial Building, 19 East Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale IL.

Present: Commissioner Harloe-Mowery, Commissioner Gonzalez and
Commissioner Bohnen

Absent:

Also Present: Chan Yu, Village Planner

Minutes

Commissioner Mowery introduced the minutes from the September 8, 2015 meeting. Commissioner Bohnen made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Commissioner Gonzalez seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion – Map Project

Commissioner Gonzalez introduced the first agenda item.

Commissioner Mowery stated that it is still in progress. However, she called the previous Chairman, Scott Peterson, and he sent her some documents that she's never seen before. It essentially shows the progress completed during the first update project by the HPC. Thus, the work does not have to start from scratch. However, she asked the HPC if there should be any additional information for the map.

Commissioner Gonzalez replied nothing in particular should be required. But whatever additional information the HPC can find would be good.

Commissioner Mowery asked if Commissioner Bohnen has ever cross referenced the information map to the books mentioned at the last meeting.

Commissioner Bohnen replied no, he's never done that before.

Commissioner Mowery believes the books are absolutely accurate.

Commissioner Bohnen expressed the only issues he's had with the books are in regards to the index. The information he believes are accurate.

Commissioner Mowery estimates that a third of the homes on the map are gone. And in her opinion, just validating it should be an easy task. However, she asked everyone how they should handle homes that are not on the map.

Commissioner Bohnen pointed out that the map was published in 2002.

Commissioner Mowery suggested breaking the project up into phases. First, just validate the map for accuracy and move forward to upload it onto the website. And the next phase would be to add new homes.

Commissioner Bohnen agreed. Commissioner Bohnen also mentioned that he has a new member joining the HPC at the next meeting.

Commissioner Mowery asked again for any information that may be missing from the map.

Commissioner Bohnen replied he will have to review and get back to the question.

Commissioner Mowery asked about the webpage layout.

Commissioner Bohnen suggested a photo should be the hook for a visitor to click on to bring up information.

Commissioner Mowery is concerned however, if they lose the map layout, which visitors would be unable to see how close some of the homes are. She then asked Chan, if it is possible to replicate the map for the website.

Chan replied he'd have to do the research on how to geocode the data onto a Google map. He described that the typical Google map features a pin on a map that a user could click on for additional information.

Commissioner Gonzalez mentioned another feature of Google Street view where you can actually see the homes as if you were walking around. He suggested that possibly could be good enough.

Chan explained that the HPC could possibly have both a map and columns of photo icons for the user to click on.

Commissioner Mowery suggested maybe the initial plan could be considered again. In this case, clicking on a picture would direct the user to a point on a map.

Chan believes that may take some custom programming.

Commissioner Mowery replied that's OK then, we want it to be simple.

Commissioner Gonzalez reiterated that the picture would be the way to lure a user into finding more information on the house.

Additional webpage formatting discussion ensued.

2nd Tier Landmarking

Commissioner Bohnen expressed that he is flexible with the name as long as it fits on the plaque.

Commissioner Gonzalez suggested the name should be short and simple.

Commissioner Bohnen reviewed the names considered: "Hinsdale Heritage", "Historic Preservation Award" and "Hinsdale Historical Heritage Award". He mentioned the last name is a bit wordy, and recommended "Hinsdale Heritage Award".

Commissioner Gonzalez believed "Hinsdale Heritage Award" works well and can be voted on.

Commissioner Mowery agreed and seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Bohnen said that he would reach out to designers to see if a design could be established with the new name.

Commissioner Mowery suggested it should be consistent with what the HPC has done in the past.

Chan asked if there is a logo on the current one.

Commissioner Bohnen replied yes there is.

Fence Regulations

Commissioner Gonzalez introduced the next agenda topic.

Commissioner Bohnen stated that he has passed out some suggested language of the topic and what was reviewed at the last meeting. He also mentioned he had a chance to talk to

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Community Development Director Robb McGinnis, who is interested in helping write the language of the proposal to the Board. He asked Chan to give a copy to Robb.

Chan said he will.

Adjournment

With no additional discussion, Commissioner Bohnen asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Gonzalez made the motion and Commissioner Mowery seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 5:47 p.m. on October 13, 2015.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Chan Yu', written in a cursive style.

Chan Yu, Village Planner