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VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

June 14, 2017

Memorial Hall – Memorial Building, 19 East Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale
6:00 P.M.

Chairman Bohnen called the meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) to order at 6:30 p.m. on June 14, 2017, in Memorial Hall in the Memorial Building, 19 East Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale IL.

Present: Chairman Bohnen, Commissioner Prisby, Commissioner Weinberger, and Commissioner Willett
Absent: Commissioner D'Arco and Commissioner Gonzalez
Also Present: Applicant for Case A-19-2017 and Presenter for Grant Item

Minutes

Chairman Bohnen introduced the minutes from the April 12, 2017, meeting and asked for any questions. The HPC reviewed and **unanimously approved, 4-0 (2 absent)** the minutes.

**Public Meeting – HPC Partnership Grant to Hinsdale Historical Society
Hinsdale Historical Society for Historic Tours App and partnership proposal with
the Historic Preservation Commission**

Ms. Karen Lopez reviewed the project history and present status of the architectural tour app. In April, 2017, the Hinsdale Historical Society (HHS) explained the app idea and its functions. In May, 2017, the HHS introduced a revised budget to include marketing costs (unfortunately there was not a quorum at the May HPC “meeting”).

Chairman Bohnen summarized the last two months as a discussion that centered on how to grant the \$5,000 to the HHS. One option was to split the grant in halves, and the other in full. Chairman Bohnen, due to the summer schedule and sensitive timing of the app, proposed to the HPC to consider the latter option, and to grant the HHS the full amount.

Ms. Karen Lopez recalled that the HPC would like to be involved with the app kickoff and collaborate on it.

Chairman Bohnen replied correct, the HPC would like to be involved in the kickoff, and asked if that would be in September.

Commissioner Weinberger responded correct, per the timeline, September 17, 2017 is the date.

Chairman Bohnen asked if the first grant allocation would be to pay for the provider, and if so, asked if the HHS is ready to pay the app provider.

Ms. Karen Lopez replied correct, and would not like to delay the funding any longer. The HHS still aims to have a kickoff date on September 17, 2017.

Chairman Bohnen reiterated that he does not want to run into a potential problem with the summer schedule and piecemeal reimbursement process that could delay the project.

Commissioner Prisby likes the idea of granting the full amount of \$5,000.

Commissioner Willett asked if Karen believes there will be time for a Q&A before the formal launch.

Ms. Karen Lopez replied yes, user testing is built into the timeline.

Commissioner Willett asked if Karen believes there is enough time to test and perform a quality control test, based on the current stage and launch in September.

Commissioner Weinberger responded that the timeline is tight right now, and the HHS is relying on volunteers to do all of the uploading.

Ms. Karen Lopez feels that we are running late, however, the timeline is achievable. And she reiterated that she agrees with Commissioner Willett, that the HHS wants this app to work well before the launch.

Additional discussion on the timeline feasibility ensued between Ms. Karen and Commissioner Willett.

Commissioner Weinberger added that in a worst case scenario of a late launch, the HHS has a Zook event in late October, and could potentially add this to the event if necessary.

Ms. Karen Lopez added that the HHS is mindful for all the beautiful fall events in Hinsdale, and would not pick a date that conflicts with another event.

Chairman Bohnen asked for a motion to grant the HHS for the full \$5,000 for the app. Commissioner Prisby motioned, and Commissioner Willett seconded. The motion was unanimously approved, 4-0 (2 absent).

Signage in the Historic Downtown District

Case A-19-2017 – 12 E. First St. – EFP Opticians – Wall and Window Sign (window sign retroactive) application in the Historic Downtown District.

The applicant, Boyce Moffitt, introduced himself as the manager and partner at EFP Opticians, and asked if the HPC has any questions about the sign for him.

Commissioner Weinberger asked what the color the awnings are.

Mr. Boyce Moffitt replied that the awnings are already removed, and the signage color will blend into the existing surroundings in terms of color and historical features.

Chairman Bohnen asked about the illumination of the sign, and believes it is not in keeping with the historical nature of the Downtown District. He is concerned about the business of advertising through illuminated signage. He asked Commissioner Prisby if he would like to add his thoughts on this.

Commissioner Prisby reviewed that he has long been against illuminated signage, and referenced the MyEyeDr. signs that are unpleasant. To that end, he expressed that the illumination component is the one thing that he is not thrilled about.

Mr. Boyce Moffitt clarified that the signage is lit by gooseneck lighting, and not backlit.

Chairman Bohnen asked why this wasn't included in the application.

Mr. Boyce Moffitt responded that it was probably a mistake since he did not include any illustrations for the lighting method in the application.

Chan Yu, asked for clarification if the lighting housing are gooseneck style.

Mr. Boyce Moffitt responded correct, 3 bulbs with gooseneck style features that overhangs above the wall sign.

The HPC in general, did not have an issue with this type of lighting.

Commissioner Weinberger pointed out in the 4th exhibit, you can see some of the gooseneck style lighting next to the proposed location.

Chan Yu asked the applicant to please clarify this at the Plan Commission meeting too.

Chairman Bohnen asked for a motion to approve the sign application as submitted.

Commissioner Weinberger motioned, and Commissioner Willett seconded.

The motion was unanimously approved, 4-0 (2 absent).

Adjournment

Commissioner Bohnen asked for a motion to adjourn. The HPC unanimously agreed to adjourn at 6:56 PM. on June 14, 2017.

Respectfully Submitted,



, Village Planner