

VILLAGE OF HUNTLEY
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, May 18, 2010
MINUTES

5 CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Lonni Oldham called to order the regularly scheduled meeting of the Village of Huntley Historic Preservation Commission for Tuesday, May 18, 2010 at 6:02 pm in the Village Hall Board Room, located at 10987 Main Street, Huntley, Illinois 60142. The room is handicap accessible.

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ROLL CALL - ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vice-Chair Lonni Oldham, Commissioners Jake Marino, Karen Langhenry, and Deb Waters

15 MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioners Tom Conley and Karen Rocks, Chairperson Donna Britton,
ALSO PRESENT: Senior Planner Charles Nordman and Planner James Williams

3. Approval of Minutes

20 A MOTION was made to approve the **April 20, 2010 Meeting Minutes** with the following corrections:

Page 1, Line 45, remove “if the” after “asked”
Page 2, Line 50, replace “Conley” with “Rocks”

25 **MOVED: Commissioner Waters**
SECONDED: Commissioner Marino
AYES: Vice-Chair Lonni Oldham, Commissioners Deb Waters, Karen Langhenry, and Jake Marino
NAYS: None
30 **ABSTAIN: None**
MOTION CARRIED 4:0:0

4. Old Business

35 A. May Local History Month Commemoration Event and Pride in Preservation Program – Wrap-Up

Vice-Chair Oldham asked the other Commissioners if they had any comments about the Saturday, May 8th event or the Pride in Preservation Award presentation at the Village Board meeting on Thursday, May 6th.

40 Commissioner Marino stated he spoke with at least twelve people browsing the historical information in the Old Village Hall on May 8th asking if there was any more information or artifacts to view.

Vice-Chair Oldham stated that before this evening’s meeting she had delivered the Pride in Preservation sign and certificate awarded to William Zator, property owner 11607 Second Street.

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Vice-Chair Oldham suggested following-up with each of the Pride in Preservation recipient property owners from this year as well as the ’09 recipients in order to build on the enthusiasm and generate some momentum for landmarking and historic district creation.

50 Commissioner Waters suggested inclusion of a business within the Pride in Preservation program.

Vice-Chair Oldham raised the question of what the status was for the Dairy Mart’s previous consideration for landmark designation and suggested the property owner be contacted to see if there is still any desire to pursue the designation.

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Vice-Chair Oldham reminded the other Commissioners of the plan to pick-up the Pride in Preservation signs in late July and early August and asked if there were any additional comments regarding the Pride in Preservation program and/or the Saturday, May 8th event.

5 Commissioner Langhenry suggested an architecture-identification type activity in the future as an alternative to the self-guided walking tour of the Town Square offered this year.

B. Prospective Landmark Properties, Additions to existing Historic District and/or New Historic Districts

10 Planner Williams stated Chairperson Britton had contacted him prior to this evening's meeting to notify him she would not be able to attend and suggested amending the meeting agenda to include discussion of the following: Fall Bus Tour Event and Endangered Properties List; and the previously suggested landmark designation of the Town Square.

15 Planner Williams continued by stating Chairperson Britton had asked if the nomination of the Town Square should come in the form of a letter or landmark application.

Vice-Chair Oldham stated she had the completed landmark application to give to Planner Williams which needed a copy of the recently updated self-guided tour map of the Town Square as an attachment.

20 C. Fall Bus Tour

Vice-Chair Oldham stated a proposed bus tour with local veterans as the theme could not be sufficiently organized to schedule a date in or around this Memorial Day, so, a date in this Autumn was tentatively proposed, possibly the weekend before or after Veteran's Day on Thursday, November 11th.

25 Commissioner Marino suggested databases such as the Illinois Veteran Cemeteries in Illinois as possible sources for determining former citizens' military service and other information required for crafting the proposed tour.

30 The decision was made to continuing research and revisiting this topic at the Historic Preservation Commission meeting in June.

D. Endangered Property List

35 Vice-Chair Oldham reviewed how the topic of an endangered property list was originally mentioned in the context of how changes to the downtown area and surrounding may occur once elements of the Downtown Revitalization Program are implemented.

40 Commissioner Marino suggested the Statler House at 11011 Woodstock Street next door to the Post Office as a property of interest.

Vice-Chair Oldham suggested a format for compilation of the list could include a "level of concern" and/or nature of threat to the structure in addition to the standard property owner and address information.

45 Planner Williams suggested the current format for surveying historic properties should be kept in mind for the creation of a database such as an Endangered Properties List.

50 Commissioner Marino pointed out the property at 11114 Church Street (north side of Church, four lots to the northeast from Mill Street) had a particularly interesting history in light of it having been moved in 1916 from the corner of Main and Church currently occupied by Strodes Furniture.

Commissioner Marino mentioned he took photos of several of the buildings razed as part of the Route 47 improvement project.

Vice-Chair Oldham acknowledged the gentleman in attendance at this evening's meeting and asked him to introduce himself.

5 Mr. Kenneth Crosswell stated he is a resident of Del Webb's Sun City and asked if it was permissible to move historic structures.

Vice-Chair Oldham stated the relocation of structures is certainly an alternative that would be considered and that there have been buildings and residences offered for a nominal price to anyone able to move the structure to a new location.

10 Mr. Crosswell mentioned the issue of adaptive re-use as an alternative to extend the use of a property and Vice-Chair Oldham pointed out the properties at 12117 West Main and 11510 East Main, the Randall House and Goldberg property, *respectively*, as two great examples of this concept being put to practice in Huntley.

15 Mr. Crosswell asked about the Huntley Historical Society and Vice-Chair Oldham stated the Historic Society serves to promote historic preservation initiatives as opposed to the local government outreach addressing historic preservation accommodated through the Village's Historic Preservation Commission.

5. New Business

20 6. Adjournment

At 6:45 pm, A MOTION was made by Commissioner Waters to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Langhenry. Motion carried unanimously.

25 Respectfully submitted,

James Williams

Planner

Village of Huntley