

VILLAGE OF HUNTLEY
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, August 17, 2010
MINUTES

5 CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Donna Britton called to order the regularly scheduled meeting of the Village of Huntley Historic Preservation Commission for Tuesday, August 17, 2010 at 6:01 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: Chairperson Donna Britton, Vice-Chair Lonni Oldham, Commissioners Jake Marino and Karen Rocks

15 MEMBERS ABSENT: Tom Conley, Karen Langhenry and Deb Waters

ALSO PRESENT: Planner James Williams

3. Approval of Minutes

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

Page 2, Line 1 and 2, correct "17" to "16" and "fuse" to "fuze"

Page 2, Line 9, add "however, he will add the Kelley House to the inventory."

Page 2, Line 37, remove "of foreign wars"

25 Page 3, Line 5, add "2:00 p.m. – Third Bus Tour Group"

Page 3, Line 17 and 18, add "Packets to include applications, photo of property and photos of Village life."

Page 3, Line 38, correct "include" to "included"

Page 3, Line 39, correct "raised" to "razed"

30 **MOVED: Vice-Chair Oldham**

SECONDED: Commissioner Marino

AYES: Commissioners Jake Marino and Karen Rocks, Vice-Chair Lonni Oldham and Chairperson Donna Britton

NAYS: None

35 **ABSTAIN: None**

MOTION CARRIED 4:0:0

Chairperson Britton suggested adding the discussion of recycling demolished building materials, which was mentioned at the end of last month's meeting, to the "New Business" section of this evening's meeting agenda.

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4. Old Business

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

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Commissioner Rocks stated Commissioner Langhenry spoke with property owner who had received a hand-delivered information packet and the property owner was excited about the prospect of historic designation.

50 Commissioner Rocks recalled the discussion she had with the Tegels (11603 Second Street) and her belief historic designation is something the Tegels will consider in future but in the short term they have concerns regarding other properties in the neighborhood.

Vice-Chair Oldham suggested revisiting the issue of some sort of historic designation with all Pride in Preservation recipient property owners over the course of the next several months.

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Chairperson Britton referred to the Larry Goldberg property at 10510 Main Street and the interest in historic designation for the property expressed to Planner Williams since the last meeting.

5 Chairperson Britton asked what the appropriate timing for consideration of Mr. Goldberg's historic district designation might be and the consensus was to wait until next month to see if there is any interest from any other property owner sent an information packet.

10 In regard to historic designation of other properties, Commissioner Marino stated he received word from former historic commissioner Larry Melman that the owner of the Dairy Mart was still interested in some form of historic designation, but was waiting until Route 47 reconstruction was completed to pursue designation.

15 B. Endangered Properties Inventory

Commissioner Marino distributed a second draft of the Endangered Property Inventory to the other members of the Historic Preservation Commission and stated revisions included rewording the document to accommodate the intent of the Downtown Revitalization Plan as a guide for development rather than a directive governing future development.

20 Commissioner Marino stated he is working on the Endangered Property Inventory PowerPoint for presentation to the Village Board and added he may have a conflict with presiding over the presentation given his class schedule on Thursday evenings this fall.

25 Chairperson Britton asked if Village Manager Dave Johnson is aware the Historic Preservation Commission (HHPC) is interested in reviewing the endangered property inventory with the Village Board and Planner Williams stated the Village Manager's office is aware of this initiative by the HHPC.

30 C. Discussion of tentatively scheduled 11/06/2010 Fall Event

Chairperson Britton stated she and Vice Chair Oldham met with Huntley Library personnel and compiled a list of perspective local veterans to consider including on the November 6th tour.

35 Chairperson Britton reviewed the list of twenty-six individuals and briefly described their service, significance and local connection.

40 In regard to more recent armed conflicts (i.e. Vietnam, Gulf War, Iraq and Afghanistan), Commissioner Rocks suggested research individuals from these conflicts to determine if perhaps there are connections to older wars or veterans.

A lengthy discussion continued regarding additional tour elements and/or historic armed service artifacts and information to display at the Old Village Hall on November 6th.

45 The list of prospective veterans was reviewed for a second time to distill out a manageable number of individuals to include as part of the tour.

50 Chairperson Britton recalled the last bus tour had eleven (11) sites or stops and, in light of the biographical information for the veterans will be shorter, believed the number of sites or stops for this tour could be sixteen (16) plus four or five sites for individuals from more recent conflicts.

The list of veterans reviewed for a third time to assign a Commissioner to perform research on each of these individuals.

The Historic Preservation Commission then discussed use of the Old Village Hall's three rooms for various displays and information.

5 Commissioner Britton reviewed the possible time frame for the bus tours in light of the Huntley Historic Society no longer scheduling their meeting for the morning of this event. Therefore, bus schedule is as follows:

9:00 a.m. – First Bus Tour Group
10:15 a.m. – Second Bus Tour Group
10 11:30 a.m. – Third Bus Tour Group

Discussion continued as to whether or not it was appropriate to charge a fare for the tour and/or request donations as a fund raising effort on behalf of the Huntley Historical Society.

15 Commissioner Rocks suggested the fare or donation as part of the bus tour may lead to confusion as to who is providing the tour.

Commissioner Rocks suggested a Huntley Historical Society membership table with donation box for the group would be more appropriate.

20 It was decided the veteran biographical summaries will be completed for review prior to next month's (09/21/10) Historic Preservation Commission meeting.

25 Names for the tour were discussed including "Veterans of Historic Huntley" and "Huntley War Veteran Tour"

5. New Business

A. Annual Report 2010 draft

30 Vice Chair Oldham reviewed the *Annual Report 2010* draft she prepared including items (a) through (n) and the revisions discussed included:

35 **Item (f) To determine an appropriate design of marker for designated and/or certified landmarks and historic districts** *adding*

- Forwarded historic district sign marker information to Downtown Revitalization Plan consultants Houseal Lavigne Associates, LLC

40 **Item (g) To develop and maintain technical information relating to preservation, rehabilitation, and restoration, and to provide assistance relating to such matters to architects, contractors, tradespersons, craftspersons, property owners, and others** *adding*

- Tradesmen list developed by Barb and Tom Conley for the McHenry County Historical Society and "link" available through Village of Huntley website.
- Tom Conley and David Rocks development of a "how-to" guide for navigating through
45 McHenry County Assessors records.

Item (h) *correct* Local History Month "April" to Local History Month "May"

50 Planner Williams stated he would revise the Annual Report 2010 and transmit the draft to each of the Commissioners later this week.

B. VOH Code requiring salvaging and/or recycling of demolished building materials.

Commissioner Rocks suggested researching what other municipalities do with respect to this issue and also pointed out the terms “salvage” and “recycling” are distinctly different.

5 Commissioner Rocks agreed to look into this issue with the hope to address the benefits of such programs, which municipalities have codes addressing this issue, examples of these policies, and the legalities involved with imposing these rules.

10 Vice-Chair Oldham asked if the Village of Huntley has any code which similarly address the issue of recycling building materials and Planner Williams stated they Village did not have rules addressing this issue.

Commissioner Rocks offered the title for the November 6th veteran bus tour event as “Tour of Duty: Huntley’s Historic War Veterans”

15 Commissioner Rocks also mentioned the Tegels were interested in being included in any future house tour and Chairperson Britton suggested beginning to plan a possible tour for next May.

20 Commissioner Rocks stated the Tegels were curious about the vacant house at 11003 Myrtle Street (first house on the west side of Myrtle, south of Second Street) and what the Historic Commission’s perspective would be if an organization such as Habitat for Humanity wanted to redevelop the property.

25 The Historic Preservation Commission discussed the possible redevelopment of the property at 11003 Myrtle Street stressing the importance of maintaining the architectural integrity of the neighborhood and style of the adjacent streetscape.

Commissioner Marino pointed out the siding on structures at the old Borhart farmstead on Harmony Road across from the Huntley High School has been removed and that this may be good a time to visit before it is too late and the structures have been torn down.

30 6. Adjournment

At 8:28 pm, A MOTION was made by Commissioner Marino to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Vice-Chair Oldham. Motion carried unanimously.

35 Respectfully submitted,
James Williams
Planner
Village of Huntley