

**VILLAGE OF HUNTLEY
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, March 20, 2018
MINUTES**

5 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Donna Britton called to order the regularly scheduled meeting of the Village of Huntley Historic Preservation Commission for Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at 6:02 pm in the Village Hall – Conference Room C107, located at 10987 Main Street, Huntley, Illinois 60142. The room is handicap accessible.

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2. ROLL CALL - ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Keith Mallegni, Gerri Rizzo, Deb Waters, Burt Natkins,
Vice Chair Lonni Oldham, and Chairperson Donna Britton

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MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Planner James Williams

20 Chairperson Britton welcomed recently appointed Historic Preservation Commissioner Burt Natkins,

Commissioner Natkins introduced himself and provided an overview of his personal and professional history followed by introductions of the other Historic Preservation Commissioners as well as petitioners Tom and Barb Conley.

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3. PUBLIC COMMENTS None.

5. Landmark Property – Public Hearing

30 A. Discussion and consideration of the request from Tom and Barb Conley for Landmark Designation of the property located at 11120 Church Street.

35 **A MOTION was made to open the public hearing to consider the request for Landmark status for the property at 11120 South Church Street.**

MOVED: Vice Chair Oldham

SECONDED: Commissioner Rizzo

40 **AYES: Commissioners Mallegni, Natkins, Rizzo, Waters, Vice Oldham, and**

Chairperson Britton

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

MOTION CARRIED 6:0:0

45 Chairperson Britton stated that a public hearing is being conducted to discuss and consider the request from Tom and Barb Conley for Landmark Designation of the property located at 11120 Church Street.

50 Mr. Conley addressed the Historic Preservation Commission, thanked them for their consideration of the request. Mr. Conley noted that the subject property was purchased in 2005 and they spent about eighteen (18) months rehabilitating and restoring the structure.

Mr. Conley noted his belief that the home is a prime example of 1890's Victorian architecture and that it is his hope that landmark designation will protect the structure for posterity in the event that the house is sold.

Vice Chair Oldham lauded the appearance and condition of the structure.

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Chairperson Britton noted that the submitted landmark application had checked categories that applied to the property including significant character of the home, its unique physical characteristics, and high level of integrity and architectural significance. Chairperson Britton pointed out that in addition to the denoted categories supporting the landmark designation of the subject property, the petitioners could also cite that the property significantly contributed to the culture and development of the Village given that William Butler, builder and original owner of the subject property, and his contributions to early Huntley as businessman and proprietor of the local lumberyard.

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Commissioner Natkins asked Mr. Conley to expound on the cited unique characteristics of the structure and Mr. Conley referred to the peaked-roof tower element above the porch at the northwest corner of the house as a particularly defining architectural feature of the house as well as the casket door on the south elevation near the southeast corner of the residence.

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Commissioners Mallegni and Rizzo both declared their support for the Conley's landmark designation request of the property at 11120 South Church. There being no other questions or concerns from the Historic Commission or members of the public in attendance a motion was made to close the public hearing.

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MOVED: Commissioner Rizzo
SECONDED: Commissioner Waters
AYES: Commissioners Mallegni, Natkins, Rizzo, Waters, Vice Oldham, and Chairperson Britton
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
MOTION CARRIED 6:0:0

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A MOTION was made to recommend approval of the request from Tom and Barb Conley for Landmark Designation of the property located at 11120 Church Street.

MOVED: Vice Chair Oldham
SECONDED: Commissioner Rizzo
AYES: Commissioners Mallegni, Natkins, Rizzo, Waters, Vice Oldham, and Chairperson Britton
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
MOTION CARRIED 6:0:0

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4. Approval of Minutes

A. **A MOTION was made to approve the February 20, 2018 Historic Preservation Commission meeting minutes with the following corrections:**

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Page 1, Line 41, replace "single" with "one"

Page 1, Lines 43 and 44, add "and" after "ceremony", a period after "properties" and replacing "it" with "It"

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Page 1, Line 49 and 50, revised wording

Page 2, Line 7, replace "additional" with "addition"

MOVED: Commissioner Mallegni
SECONDED: Commissioner Rizzo
AYES: Commissioners Mallegni, Rizzo, Vice Chair Oldham and Chairperson Britton
NAYS: None
5 **ABSTAIN:** Commissioners Natkins and Waters
MOTION CARRIED 4:0:2

6. Old Business

10 A. Pride in Preservation

Chairperson Britton reminded the Historic Preservation Commission that the Fitzgerald family (12407 West Main Street) has accepted the nomination for the Pride in Preservation (PiP) award.

15 Vice Chair Oldham nominated the property at 11303 Dean Street and Chairperson Britton nominated the house at 11118 South Church Street for Pride in Preservation awards.

20 Planner Williams agreed to send the two (2) property owners letters notifying them of the PiP award nominations and notify all three (3) nominated property owners that the April 17th Historic Preservation Commission meeting will include the Pride in Preservation award ceremony.

B. Certificate of Appreciation

25 Chairperson Britton provided an overview of the Certificate of Appreciation (CofA) program for newly appointed Commissioner Natkins, noting that there are two (2) CofA categories: one, highlighting the restoration/rehabilitation of a particular property, and the other category which recognizes businesses that have incorporated historical photos, displays or décor celebrating Huntley's history within their respective establishments.

30 Chairperson Britton noted that Plenty Boutique (11103 S. Church St.) was recently nominated and the Drendel's Corner Mobil (13280 Route 47), Denny's Restaurant (13240 Route 47) and Advocate Medical Group facility (13900 Quality Drive) were considered for nominations.

35 Planner Williams agreed to contact the owners of the Plenty Boutique at 11103 S. Church Street and investigate sending out Certificate of Appreciation letters to the other three (3) nominated property owners.

C. Certified Local Government (CLG) Re-Application Process

40 Planner Williams noted that following the preparation of the resume for the newly appointed Commissioner Natkins, all Historic Preservation Commission resumes will have been received. The other CLG application items to be compiled as part of the CLG application were discussed and included: the Village's Chapter 159 Historic Preservation Ordinance; the Village's Preservation Plan (i.e. excerpts from the Village's Strategic Plan pertaining to preservation); list of local designated landmarks/properties which constitute the Huntley Historic District, outline/highlights of the Village's downtown revitalization program and listing of other
45 historic preservation programs and activities conducted over the last several years.

Vice Chair Oldham suggested including mention of the Huntley Historic Alliance partnership – i.e. collaboration between the Huntley Historic Preservation Commission, Huntley Historical Society, Huntley Area Public Library and Huntley Park District – in the CLG application.
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Catty Property – Request for Proposal (RFP) process

Discussion ensued regarding the RFP process including which/how specific companies are contacted to determine their interest in and ability to complete the required project.

Union Special Brewery

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Commissioner Mallegni inquired about the status of the proposed Union Special brewery and Planner Williams noted that the Plan Commission public hearing to consider the request is scheduled for Monday, March 26, 2018 evening.

10 Vice Chair Oldham requested updates regarding the downtown mural, additional historic district signage and downtown square artifact labels.

Planner Williams acknowledged that Staff did not have specific updates on these items.

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Downtown Business - Window Wraps

Commissioner Waters provided an update of the window wrap project she had proposed several months ago, noting that she has contacted Sign-A-Rama in Carpentersville about producing the customized wrap-product. Commissioner Waters stated that the cost for 12" x 18" wraps is \$18.00 each, not including the initial cost of preparation of the logo, design and/or sign copy-wording.

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Discussion ensued about the design of the wrap signage, appropriateness of incorporating the Village's new logo or previous logo, as well as the possibility of having the window wraps available to award to the Certificate of Appreciation award nominated properties this May.

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Commissioner Mallegni suggested pursuing landmark status for the Village Square.

Vice Chair Oldham agreed to investigate updating the Village Square landmark application produced several years ago and Planner Williams noted that a copy of the application should be available in his files.

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7. New Business

A. Look at Local History Month – May, 2018

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Vice Chair Oldham recounted that Commissioner Mallegni and others, including Library personnel, have performed research of local Huntley history to incorporate into a presentation celebrating Illinois' 200th anniversary of statehood. In addition to a slide show loop, a companion chronology handout of Huntley history is being prepared for distribution at the May 26th Farmers Market and Craft Fair.

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Vice Chair Oldham also mentioned that the organizers also hoped to have a trivia, quiz game available at the Farmers Market where various historical events can be matched with date and/or year the event took place.

8. Adjournment

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At 8:00 p.m., A MOTION was made by Commissioner Rizzo to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Commissioner Natkins. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

James Williams

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Planner
Village of Huntley