

MINUTES
Historic Preservation Commission
January 22, 2009
Colonel Palmer House, 660 E. Terra Cotta Avenue, Crystal Lake, IL

I. Call to Order

Chair Alt called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. on January 22, 2009, at 660 E. Terra Cotta Avenue in Crystal Lake.

II. Roll Call/Attendance

Present were the following Commission members: Brice Alt, LeeAnn Atwood, Diana Kenney, Sandra Price, Michelle Rozovics, Bob Wyman, and Tom Nemcek. Also present was Eric Helm, Assistant to the City Manager.

III. Public Comment

There was no one in the public who wished to speak.

IV. Discussion of 2009 Trolley Tour

Member Wyman presented the quote from The Trolley Car and Bus Company in the amount of \$1,600 for the rental of the trolley. The price increased \$290 from last year's quote. Member Nemcek stated that the Trolley Car and Bus Company is very reliable and should be used again. Member Nemcek made a motion to authorize the payment of \$1,600 to the Trolley Car and Bus Company. Member Wyman seconded the motion. On voice vote, all voted aye. Motion passed.

Member Price distributed the trolley tour route and topics. Member Kenney and Member Price stated that 90% of the research can be conducted at the Colonel Palmer House. Member Price and Member Kenney stated that the Colonel Palmer house is open for research by appointment, or at the following times: Tuesday, 1 PM – 7PM and Thursday, 10AM - 4 PM. The walking tour brochure also covers many of the homes on the tour. The Commission discussed making the theme of the Tour "Nunda". Commission members agreed to the following:

- Stop One (Deli Area): *Member Nemcek and Member Atwood*
- Stop Two (Churches): *Member Kenney*
- Stop Two (Ellsworth/Simon): *Member Wyman*

- Stop Two (Sears Homes): *Member Alt* (Member Nemcek recommended that he talk with Mary Oberhardt regarding the Sears Homes. Also, Member Kenney was curious regarding the origination of the street name "Glen".)

- Stop Two (Fire station/water tower/1903 fire): *Member Rozovics*
- Stop Two (67 Gates): *Member Nemcek*
- Stop Two (Walkup articles): *Member Price*
- Stop Three (Golf Course/Repp/VA/Prairie Pres./Wingate): *Member Price*
- Parking Lot/Walkup Farms (Walkup/Cobblestone Construction/Native Plants/Nunda School): *Member Price*
- Exit Farm/Railroad Street (Barns/Lots): *Member Wyman*

Member Kenney will also confirm that Dr. Watson built the home at 67 Gates Street. Member Wyman and Nemcek will visit the McHenry County Building around the 3rd week in February to research 67 Gates. They will also research other homes in that area for Member Price.

Member Rozovics agreed to perform the layout for the entire Tour Book. She will use Microsoft Publisher for the layout. In addition to the layout, Member Kenney stated that the articles need to be re-written to create a consistent literary “voice” of the book. This is a major task.

Member Nemcek stated that the first draft of the articles should be completed by the first or second week of March.

Regarding the sale of advertising, the Commission stated that this will be a difficult year; however, the cost for the tickets alone will cover the expenses.

Member Price agreed to contact Mike Walkup (5215 Walkup Avenue) to use his property for the Tour.

Regarding tour guides, the details still need to be considered, but four sets of guides are needed. The preliminary list of guides:

- Member Kenney / Member Atwood (supporter)
- Member Wyman’s Brother / Member Wyman (supporter)
- Mike Penkava / Member Alt (supporter)
- ? / Member Rozovics (supporter)

Member Price stated that she wanted to be a supporter this year.

Member Kenney will create the tickets. Member Nemcek stated that the focus of the Commission should be on writing the articles.

Publicity will be discussed in detail at the next meeting. Member Alt agreed to do publicity this year. He will assemble articles for the Herald, Lifestyles, City Newsletter, McHenry County Living and other area publications. This usually takes one day of labor.

City Staff Helm will make sure a deposit is made to the Trolley Tour Company and that permission is received from the Union Pacific Railroad for the use of the ticket area.

Member Kenney will reserve the new gazebo for possible use by the Commission.

V. Member Inquiries and Reports

Member Kenney and Member Price presented the research tools available to the Commission, including various articles, books and maps.

VI. Adjournment

There being no further business, Member Price moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m. Member Rozovics seconded the motion. On voice vote, all voted aye. Motion passed.