

MINUTES
Historic Preservation Commission
December 1, 2005
154 College Street, Crystal Lake, IL

I. Call To Order

Chair Alt called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. on December 1, 2005, at 154 College Street.

II. Roll Call/Attendance

Present were the following Commission members: Chair Brice Alt, Tom Nemcek, Sandy Price, Sue Riegler and Bob Wyman. Also present was Mrs. Wyman, neighbors of Chair Brice Alt on College Street, Greg Keller, and Eric Helm, Assistant to the City Manager.

III. Meet with Prospective Housewalk Tour Participants

Chair Alt introduced his neighbors to the Commission and informed them that the Commission would like to organize a Heritage Tour on College Street. Member Nemcek further outlined the structure of the Tour and what is expected of homeowners who open their homes. He stated that the tour requires little effort from homeowners, since the Commission provides docents at each home to ensure the Tour runs smoothly and safely. The neighbors had several questions, one being whether special liability insurance is needed. Eric Helm stated that he would discuss this issue with the City Attorney and the City's insurance provider.

Greg Keller talked about his experience volunteering his home for the Heritage Tour. He explained the benefits of participation and what homeowners can expect on the day of the Tour.

Chair Alt asked his neighbors to think about volunteering their homes for the Tour and make a decision by the first week in January 2006. Following this, the Commission took a break and informally talked with the neighbors on College Street.

IV. Public Presentation

Greg Keller stated that the Lakeside Legacy is extremely interested in completing an application for landmark status for the Dole Mansion. He explained that the Lakeside Board needs to educate their bank regarding the landmarking process and he looks forward to moving ahead with the application following the bank's notification.

Mr. Keller invited the Commission to have a meeting at the Dole Mansion once the dining room is restored. He stated that 50% of the Lakeside Center is rented and he is excited about the progress. Moreover, he announced a special event series called, "Christmas at the Dole". More information can be found on www.lakesidelegacy.org.

V. Approval of Minutes of the November 3, 2005 Regular Meeting

Member Riegler moved to approve the minutes of the November 3, 2005 regular meeting. Member Price seconded the motion. On voice vote, all voted aye. Member Nemcek and Member Wyman abstained. Motion passed.

VI. Discussion of IHPA Matching Grant

Chair Alt stated that Member Kenney is best able to address this item at the next HPC meeting. He stated that Member Kenney is interested in using grant funding for the Downtown Walking Tour brochure.

VII Member Inquiries and Reports

Member Nemcek presented his invoice for reimbursement for \$184.00, which covers the cost of a landmarking plaque. Member Price handed out information regarding the Certificate of Appropriateness guidelines and mentioned that she still lacked several items from various Commission members. Member Wyman asked Member Riegler regarding the status of the January 2006 display case at the City Hall. Member Riegler stated that the display case would feature Crystal Lake's winter weather history. Member Wyman also asked if the Commission had ever performed a barn survey. Chair Alt believed that a County organization may have performed a survey and Member Wyman may want to discuss this item with that organization.

VIII. Chair's Report

There was not Chair's report.

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business, Member Riegler moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m. Member Nemcek seconded the motion. On voice vote, all voted aye. Motion passed.