

MINUTES
Historic Preservation Commission Special Meeting
December 7, 2006
440 S. Oriole Trail, Crystal Lake, IL

I. Call To Order

Chair Alt called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. on December 7, 2006, at 440 S. Oriole Trail.

II. Roll Call/Attendance

Present were the following Commission members: Chairperson Brice Alt (BA), LeeAnn Atwood (LA) (arrived during agenda item VII.), Sandy Price (SP), Diana Kenney (DK), Tom Nemcek (TN), Michelle Rozovics (MR) and Bob Wyman (BW). Also present was Nancy Loomis, Gary and Sue Reigler, Gary and Janet Schultz and Eric Helm (EH), Assistant to the City Manager.

III. Meet with Prospective Housewalk Tour Participants and Discuss 2007 Heritage Tour

Homeowners who were interested in placing their home on the 2007 Heritage Tour arrived to learn more information about the Tour. TN described the housewalk tour and his experience of being a homeowner on a past tour. He stated that the purpose of the tour is to educate the community and showcase the home's history.

A prospective participant asked about insurance. EH stated that some coverage is provided; however, the homeowner should check with the homeowner's insurance policy for coverage. The prospective participants described their neighborhood to the Commission. Following the discussion, the Commission felt that another meeting in mid-January was appropriate to gauge further neighborhood interest.

IV. Approval of Minutes of the November 2, 2006 Regular Meeting and the November 16, 2006 Special Meeting

DK moved to approve the minutes of the November 2, 2006 meeting. MR seconded the motion. On voice vote, all voted aye. Motion passed.

DK moved to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2006 special meeting. BW seconded the motion. On voice vote, all voted aye. TN abstained. Motion passed.

V. Discussion of 2007 Heritage Tour

Ms. Reigler and MR agreed to ask people they know to participate in the 2007 Heritage Tour.

VI. Discussion of UIC Neighborhood Housing Study

EH stated that the pictures he received from the Commission have been very good. He stated that Commission members should contact him to pick up a camera or inform him if the Commission member needed a camera dropped off at their home or workplace.

VII. Member Inquiries and Reports

SP stated that she wished to be an associate member of the Commission. EH stated that he would begin the process of advertising to fill the Commission vacancy.

DK moved to renew the Commission's membership to the Illinois Association of Historic Preservation Commissions in the amount of \$50. BW seconded the motion. On voice vote, all voted aye. Motion passed.

BW felt that the Commission should investigate other fundraising options. The Commission discussed selling the following items to raise revenue: calendars, Christmas cards, or ornaments. MR stated that the Commission should create a unique item to sell. She stated that the Commission could focus on lesser known historical items in its fundraising efforts. BA asked if the City could budget for two landmark designation plaques, at \$160 each. EH stated that this could be requested.

The Commission also discussed adding pages of advertising in the Tour booklet. MR asked if two extra pages of advertising were possible. TN stated that raising funds through advertising is difficult especially when other tasks need to be completed.

DK stated that the purpose of the Commission is to educate the community, not raise funds for grants. TN and LA stated that façade grants for landmarked properties may need to be limited. DK expressed concern that the Commission would compete against other Crystal Lake not-for-profit organizations for fundraising monies. Several Commission members felt that the focus of the Commission should be to educate the public, not raise funds for façade grants.

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business, TN moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 p.m. BW seconded the motion. On voice vote, all voted aye. Motion passed.