

MINUTES
Historic Preservation Commission
September 6, 2007
Municipal Complex, 100 W. Woodstock Street, Crystal Lake, IL

I. Call to Order

Chair Alt called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. on September 6, 2007, at the Municipal Complex in Crystal Lake.

II. Roll Call/Attendance

Present were the following Commission members: Brice Alt, LeeAnn Atwood, Tom Nemcek, Michelle Rozovics, and Sandra Price. Also present was Brad Mitchell, Administrative Analyst, Peter O'Grady, Sue O'Grady and Tom Hass.

III. Public Comment

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

IV. Approval of Minutes of the August 2, 2007 Regular Meeting

Member Nemcek moved to approve the minutes of the August 2, 2007 regular meeting. Member Rozovics seconded the motion. On voice vote, all voted aye. Motion passed.

V. Public Hearing for Landmark Application of 200 W. Woodstock Street.

Chair Alt opened the public hearing to discuss the landmark application of 200 W. Woodstock Street. Tom Haas, applicant, presented the Commission with a historical background of the house and the Peterson family, the previous owners of the property.

Member Rozovics asked Mr. Haas about the restoration of the house after purchasing it. Mr. Haas stated that the front porch needs to be redone. Member Nemcek asked Mr. and Mrs. O'Grady, also applicants, if they are ok with the application. Mr. and Mrs. O'Grady stated they were ok with the submittal of the landmark application. Member Rozovics moved to recommend the City Council approval of the application for landmark status for 200 W. Woodstock Street as a historic landmark. Member Atwood seconded the motion. On voice vote, all voted aye. Motion passed.

VI. Façade Grant Application for 660 E. Terra Cotta Avenue

Member Nemcek moved to postpone discussion of the façade grant application for 660 E. Terra Cotta Avenue. Member Rozovics seconded the motion. On voice vote, all voted aye. Motion passed.

VII. Discussion of Trolley Tour

Member Rozovics stated that she will contact the trolley company regarding placement of additional signs on the side of the trolley. Chair Alt asked whether the Commission would do a trolley tour or a house tour. Member Atwood stated that the Commission will do another Trolley Tour. Member Rozovics suggested possibly doing a trolley tour and include one house on the tour. Member Atwood stated that combining tours and revenue could possibly hurt future grant opportunities. Chair Alt stated the Commission might

lose volunteers if the Commission goes too long without a house tour. Member Nemcek suggested by waiting two to three years before doing another house tour might make it easier to get houses for the tour. The Commission agreed that they would do another Trolley Tour. The Commission also agreed to pursue additional advertising.

VIII. Discussion of Commission Funds and Yearly Façade Grant Allocation

Member Nemcek stated that the Commission should decide on a fiscal year and create a budget for the Commission. Member Atwood stated that the Commission could send out press releases regarding grants and have applications due during certain times of the year. Member Rozovics stated she was concerned about establishing a time frame, that it might be difficult for the applicant. Member Nemcek stated that the Commission should award grant money on a first-come first-serve basis and not established certain time frames. Member Nemcek moved to postpone discussion of Commission funds and yearly façade grant allocation until December when a budget can be discussed and additional members are present. Member Rozovics seconded the motion. On voice vote, all voted aye. Motion passed.

IX. Member Inquiries and Reports

Member Nemcek presented the Commission with the draft design of the Dole Mansion landmark plaque. Member Rozovics asked what will be done with plaque. Member Nemcek stated that the plaque will go on the building. Chair Alt asked when the plaque will be made. Member Nemcek stated that it could take between four-eight weeks. Member Price would like a ceremony to be held when the plaque is placed on the Dole Mansion.

Member Nemcek stated he would like to see the Crow/Sells house be landmarked.

Member Price stated that she talked to the Gesslers at 69 S. Walkup and the homeowners are using vinyl coated material on their house. She asked what would the Commission do if someone were to ask for grant money, but uses vinyl in restoring the house. Member Atwood stated that the Commission would follow the guidelines. Member Price asked about getting a copy of the guidelines. Chair Alt stated that the guidelines were submitted to the City for legal review. Member Nemcek stated that the guidelines should be on the City's website and to check with City staff Eric Helm.

Member Price stated that the Commission should pay attention to the City of McHenry as they are currently in the process of creating a historical district.

X. Adjournment

There being no further business, Member Price moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Member Nemcek seconded the motion. On voice vote, all voted aye. Motion passed.