

**MINUTES**  
**Historic Preservation Commission**  
**September 3, 2009**  
**Municipal Complex, 100 W. Woodstock Street, Crystal Lake, IL**

**I. Call to Order**

Chair Nemcek called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. on September 3, 2009, at the Municipal Complex in Crystal Lake.

**II. Roll Call/Attendance**

Present were the following Commission members: Diana Kenney, Sandy Price, and Tom Nemcek. Members LeeAnn Atwood and Michelle Rozovics arrived at 7:40 p.m. Members of the public present included Janet Schultz, Gary Schultz, Robert Malone, and Augustine Flaherty. Eric Helm, Deputy City Manager and Latika Bhide, Planner, were also present.

**III. Public Comment**

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

**IV. Approval of Minutes of the August 6, 2009 Regular Meeting**

Member Kenney moved to approve the minutes of the August 6, 2009 regular meeting. Member Price seconded the motion. On voice vote, all voted aye. Motion passed.

**V. Public Hearing for the Landmark Application for the Bauer House at 86 Dole Avenue**

Member Price welcomed the Schultz's, the owners of the Bauer House to the meeting. She said that she was thrilled working with the owners. She mentioned that they had discussed landmarking their property for several years and she welcomed the neighbors that had come to attend the hearing. Chair Nemcek verified that the fees have been paid, and the sign has been posted. He said the Certificate of Publication is in the file. Chair Nemcek waived the reading of the legal notice without objection. Janet and Gary Schultz were present to represent their application and were sworn-in by the Chair. The Schultz's thanked the HPC for the opportunity to be on the agenda and acknowledged Member Price for her help with the research. The Schultz's presented a power point detailing the exterior and the interior of their residence which included all the improvements that have been made. Member Price provided members with additional information on the Bauer family history.

Member Kenney made a motion to close the public portion of the meeting. Member Atwood seconded the motion. On voice vote, all voted aye. Motion passed. Member Kenney made a motion to recommend to the City Council to grant a landmark designation for the Bauer House at 86 Dole Avenue. Member Price seconded the motion. Member Kenney recommended that the house be distinguished as the *Arwin Bauer* House as there are other Bauer houses in the City. On voice vote, all voted aye. Motion passed.

The members of the public left the meeting at this time.

**VI. Discussion of the 2010 Trolley Tour**

Member Kenney said that after the last tour, the Commission discussed the 2010 Trolley Tour and had discussed doing the *South Shore*, the *Gates* and ending at the Dole Mansion instead of downtown. She said that they would have to advertise a lot since this would be a different location than the downtown where past trolley tours have started/ended. With that in mind, Member Kenney said that she tried to come up with possible tour routes. Basically the tour would start in front of the Dole Mansion and focus on the 1920's era, the County

Club additions on the south shore of the Lake. That was about the time when the Village of Lakewood was incorporated. There are a lot of things to focus on and so there may only be a little reference to the Dole Mansion, as that was discussed on several previous tours. The tour would then turn left on Country Club Road and follow the curve. Right at the curve was the location of the pro-shop. Pictures of that building and sample clubs as well as some of the china from the country club from that period are also available for display. Mr. Bessey's house is located on the right; the house is made of *Duntile*. Mr. Bessey started Oak Manufacturing. Following Country Club Road, the new Country Club is located on the left. On the right is the *Pizza Hut* house, it is a unique looking house. Just past that house is a good place to pull over and stop, in front of the old Country Club House. Then the trolley would turn right on Essex Lane. There is not much on Essex Lane to look at but it enables us to turn left on Broadway Ave. before the Switzer House. This may be where we can talk about the Village of Lakewood, it's history, etc. Turning left on Broadway Ave. there is a Round house with round garage on the right. Further, we started pointing houses that caught our eye – 800 Broadway is the Voight House. Mr. Voight was the first president of the Village of Lakewood. Other houses that could be discussed include 820, 851, 1215 and 1275 Broadway.

The tour would then follow the curve all the way to Sunset Dr. and turn left on Lake Street. The tour could then highlight West Beach, Grafton Park, Hawg Rassel (Lakewood Village Hall) and turn around at the Village Hall parking lot. The Village of Lakewood has to be contacted for permission as well as to let their Police Department regarding the trolley tour.

From there the trolley will turn left on Sunset Dr. onto South Shore Drive. Member Kenney said that we could discuss the CPOA beaches, but would need more research as she was not sure how the organization and ownership rights to the beach came about. Across the lake is Prospect Point commonly known as Rumsey's Point. There are a number of interesting houses that need further research. Dr. Alford's house at 1110 South Shore Drive, the Gingerbread house (733), Claude Brown's House (564) all could be included. We want to talk about the ice houses around Gate 7 where most of them were located. The tour can then turn right on Oxford and then left on Lake Street and point out the original sales office for the County Club Addition. Member Kenney said that if we want to be true to the era we should concentrate on Ringling and Country Club Addition. Member Rozovics suggested that if we are going to have a display that one person not on the tour could be at the display case talking. Member Atwood suggested that some of the display could be in the display case at City Hall prior to the tour.

Member Nemcek suggested that we take pictures of the houses that were mentioned and go through these at the next meeting. He recommended taking another trip so that members who had missed the previous one could all see these homes. It was decided that members would meet on October 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 a.m. at the Dole Mansion to take pictures.

Member Kenny inquired what day the Trolley Tour was being planned for in 2010. She said that it is typically the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in June, but this year there was a mix-up and it was on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday instead. That did not work very well because it coincided with the Harvard Milk Days. Member Nemcek asked staff member Bhide to appropriate the funds prior to the next meeting to reserve the trolley for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in June in 2010.

## **VII. Member Inquiries and Reports**

There was discussion on the Shaler House on Caroline Street. Paul Bertram, former Fire Marshal for the State of Illinois as well as here in the City built this house. The garage/out building on this site is made of a very unique material that looked like glazed terracotta but was like pipe work and was mortared together. The roof was in a state of disrepair. Ms. Kenney said that she and Member Nemcek visited the site and took some pictures and she sent it to her contact at the IHPA in Springfield. These were made by an Elgin company around 1890 were intended to be underground conduits for wiring. The structure and material is very unique. Ms. Kenney indicated that the owner had received a letter from the City indicating that the structure was unsafe. She would like to receive copies of the letter that was sent, so they can understand the issues. The house and the garage are worth land marking and so if they can get a group of people together to save the garage while still meeting the requirements of the City.

Member Price said that she wanted to discuss the new house on Paddock Street. She feels that the home does not fit in with the context of the neighborhood at all. She asked what had happened with the neighborhood Pattern Book. Staff Bhide said that the Council's direction was not to make the Pattern Book mandatory.

## **VIII. Adjournment**

There being no further business, Member Nemcek moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m. Member Rozovics seconded the motion. On voice vote, all voted aye. Motion passed.