



**CRYSTAL LAKE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2009
HELD AT THE CRYSTAL LAKE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS CONFERENCE ROOM**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Alt at 7:30 p.m. On roll call, members Atwood, Nemcek, Rozovics, Wyman and Alt were present. Members Kenney and Price were absent.

Elizabeth Maxwell, Planner, was present from Staff.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Janet Shultz was present to thank the Commission members for approving the landmark designation for her home the Bauer House. She left pumpkin cake as a thank you for the Commission members. Member Nemcek asked Mrs. Shultz for the build date of the house. She only knew the purchase date of the lot. Member Nemcek will go through the tax assessor's records to try to acquire the build date prior to ordering the plaque.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 3, 2009 HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

Member Atwood moved to approve the minutes from the September 3, 2009 Historic Preservation Commission meeting as presented. Member Nemcek seconded the motion. On voice vote, all members voted aye. Motion passed.

DISCUSSION OF THE 2010 TROLLEY TOUR

Member Nemcek reminded the other commission members that they were going to meet this Sunday, October 4th at 7:30 am at the Dole Mansion to run through the proposed Trolley Tour and take photos of the houses. They need to start looking up the historic information, including prominent names and build dates, now rather than waiting until February and running into a time crunch. Chair Alt requested the house addresses. Member Nemcek suggested several of the members meet at the tax assessor's office and research the houses on the tour. The members will meet the week prior to Thanksgiving.

Member Wyman asked about the date and time of the Trolley Tour. Staff member Maxwell presented a preliminary quote from the trolley company, The Trolley Car & Bus Company. She also stated that the requested \$200.00 deposit was sent to Finance and would be issued by Council at their October 6th meeting. Member Wyman took the quote information and will contact the company with the revised start and stop location and trolley times. The members discussed needing the two trolleys between 9:30 am and 3:00 pm with one of the trolleys being handicap accessible. Member Atwood asked if they would still make a profit with the reduced tours. The members wanted to discuss how they would get additional advertisers and let everyone know about the tour and the revised location. Member Atwood asked how they can determine if they are profitable. Member Rozovics said that they should have a few thousand dollars of profit so they can provide grant money throughout the year.

DISCUSSION OF 50 N. CAROLINE STREET

The members asked what was holding up the request. Member Nemcek stated that the owner just needs to complete the application and present it to the Commission. He also stated that the owner had a structural contractor out to look at the building and he didn't think it would support a new roof. Chair Alt suggested the Commission just get the right people out on site, a mason to look at the walls and a carpenter to look at the wooden window frames and roof structure. Member Nemcek explained that if it was a complex or expensive process to restore the garage the owner would prefer to tear it down and construct a new modern garage. Member Wyman asked what was important about the history of this property. Member Nemcek stated that the house was built by the first Fire Marshall with poured stone block. The garage is the terra cotta conduit material. Member Wyman agreed that this house has important history and the Commission should work to preserve the house and garage. Member Atwood suggested constructing a separate structure for the roof rather than relying on the old walls. The Commission was going to think about ways to get a structural engineer out on site.

MEMBER INQUIRIES AND REPORTS

The Commission members discussed the advantages or disadvantages to having a Historic District. Member Rozovics asked how they can let more people know about ways to research the historical significance of their homes. Maybe they can put some more information in the newsletter about getting a plaque on a house. She mentioned that she had visited Galena and it was very interesting to see all of the plaques on the homes throughout the neighborhoods.

Member Rozovics said the renovations at her property were going well and the house looks great now. The contractor was able to uncover the old address. They also found FPD stamped on some of the boards of the house. She was going to research the significance of this stamp.

Chair Alt said that the Crystal Lake Park District's Main Beach was going to be minted on a coin. The coins would be given away as prizes. The coin would be out next month. He also said the Post Card books were out and available for purchase for \$20.

Staff member Maxwell said that the owners of the Van Natta house asked if they could change their request and Certificate of Appropriateness to allow the change from aluminum storm windows to wooden encased storm windows. Member Wyman said this is his neighbor and he did stop by to ask about this change. The Commission members agreed that these windows would look much nicer. Member Nemcek suggested this be put on the November meeting when all the commission members would be present to discuss this change.

With no further discussion, Member ??? moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Member ????. . On voice vote, all members voted aye, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.