MINUTES

Historic Preservation Commission November 4, 2010

Municipal Complex, 100 W. Woodstock Street, Crystal Lake, IL

I. Call to Order

Chairman Alt called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call/Attendance

The following commission members were present: Brice Alt, Tom Nemcek, Michelle Rozovics and Bob Wyman. Members LeeAnn Atwood, Diana Kenney and Sandy Price were absent. Staff member Latika Bhide was present.

III. Public Comment

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

IV. Approval of Minutes of the October 7, 2010 Regular Meeting

Member Nemcek moved to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2010 regular meeting. Chair Alt seconded the motion. On voice vote, all members present voted aye. Motion passed.

V. 87 Elmhurst Landmark Designation

Member Nemcek asked if everyone had an opportunity to review the artwork - were the name and date acceptable. Everyone agreed that the artwork was acceptable. Chair Alt asked what the current price for the plaque was. Member Nemcek said it was \$165 the last time they ordered a plaque, but the prices do change without notice. Member Wyman said that the re-plaquing did not have to be approved by the City Council. Staff Bhide confirmed that per the City attorney's memo, they do not have to seek Council approval. Chair Alt asked when the plaque would be ready. Member Nemcek said that they will have it by December. Chair Alt said that he will contact the property owners and apprise them of the reason for re-plaquing.

VI. Staff Report

Staff Bhide said that staff had recently read an article in the Northwest Herald regarding the Service League raising \$22,000 during their annual house walk. She asked if the Commission had thought about going back to house walks instead of the trolley tour. Member Rozovics said that the Service League house walk was very popular and that the HPC had trouble even with getting people who liked trolleys. Member Bhide asked if there was a reason that the tickets were sold centrally. Chair Alt said that was because of the timed tickets. Member Rozovics said that the 2 reasons she hears most frequently are that people think it is the same tour every year or that they do not know there was a tour in the first place. Chair Alt said they received a great response the year Northwest Herald did a front page article in the Lifestyle section. Member Nemcek said that they could explore working with high school students. Member Rozovics said one of the reasons for not raising more money this year was that they sold less advertising. Chair Alt said that the Commission would like to see information on revenues for the past trolley tours and going back to the house walks for their annual budget meeting in December.

VII. Member Inquiries and Reports

Member Nemcek said that he had an opportunity to talk with Mr. Shaler (owner of 50 N Caroline Street) and that he would be helping the owner put together the application for landmark status for the residence. He said that that garage could be added at a later date.

Chair Alt asked if anyone had attended the 'Dearly Departed' event at Colonel Palmer House. No one in attendance had attended.

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business, Member Nemcek moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Member Rozovics seconded the motion. On voice vote, all voted aye. Motion passed.