

MINUTES
Historic Preservation Commission
February 3, 2011
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.

II. Roll Call/Attendance

The following commission members were present: Robert Wyman, Tom Nemcek, and Brice Alt. Member LeeAnn Atwood arrived at a later time. Members Diana Kenney and Michelle Rozovics 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 January 6, 2011 Regular Meeting

Chair Alt moved to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2011 regular meeting. Member Nemcek seconded the motion. On voice vote, all members present voted aye. Motion passed.

V. Landmark plaque for 50 Caroline Street

Staff Bhide said that a check request for the plaque was on the City Council agenda and that the check will be mailed out directly to the company.

VI. Annual Budget Review

There was a general discussion regarding the annual budget. The members discussed that due a significant drop in the advertising revenue, their profit from last year's trolley tour was only approximately \$400. There was discussion regarding the Commission's typical expenditures. The members discussed reserving money for 4 grants (approximately \$2,000) which would leave around \$3,000 this year for other endeavors. Member Wyman asked if there was a possibility that the historic district could be adopted this year. Staff Bhide said that there were still public meetings that must be held and if the historic district was adopted, it would be towards the end of the year. Following further discussion, Member Nemcek moved to allot not more than \$1,500 for the façade grant program for the current fiscal year. Member Atwood seconded the motion. On voice vote all members voted yes. Motion passed.

VII. 2011 Trolley Tour

Member Nemcek said that he would be putting the homes on this year's trolley tour in an excel sheet to aid in research. Member Atwood said that she thought only 2 houses required additional research. Chair Alt asked if the members felt that the tour was short on time and they needed to add additional stops. Member Atwood said that she thought that the tour came together very well. Member Nemcek said that he needs to finish additional research regarding moving homes in the 1920s and 1930s, and obtain photographs. He said this practice was not as prevalent as in the 1920s or 30s as it was in 1940s or 50s.

VIII. Member Inquiries and Reports

Chair Alt asked if they had received any interest in the openings on the Commission. Staff Bhide said that a Woodstock resident had indicated interest in joining the

Commission and asked if the Commission wanted to amend their rules pertaining to residency. The members said that they would like all the Commission members to be present to discuss the issue. Member Atwood said that the expectations of the role of the HPC commissioner were a little gray and people might hesitate to join if they are expected to make unpopular decisions.

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Alt moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Member Wyman seconded the motion. On voice vote, all voted aye. Motion passed.