

MINUTES
Historic Preservation Commission
November 1, 2012
Municipal Complex, 100 W. Woodstock Street, Crystal Lake, IL

- 1) **Call to Order**
Chair Alt called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.
- 2) **Roll Call/Attendance**
The following Commission members were present: Robert Wyman, Diana Kenney, Tom Nemcek, Austin Taylor, Brice Alt and Michelle Rozovics. Lee Ann Atwood was absent. Staff member Elizabeth Maxwell was present. Susan Riegler, Brenda Sompolski and Linda Spencer were also in attendance.
- 3) **Public Comment**
There was no public comment.
- 4) **Approval of Minutes of the October 4, 2012 Regular Meeting**
T. Nemcek made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 4, 2012 regular meeting. D. Kenney seconded the motion. On voice vote, all members present voted yes, with M. Rozovics abstaining. Motion passed.
- 5) **135 College Street – Façade Grant**
The Commissioners discussed the painting work that was done on the carriage house and reviewed the submitted completion pictures. T. Nemcek made a motion to approve \$500.00 in grant money. B. Alt seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion passed.
- 6) **Centennial History Committee**
D. Kenney spoke about the role of the Historic Preservation Commission in this year-long centennial celebration. She explained that the Centennial Committee will be presenting the proposal to the City Council in December. She believes the start to the centennial events will occur prior to the 2013 Johnny Appleseed festival. In addition to the Commission's role in the monthly speaking events regularly occurring events like the Chili Open will have a centennial flair to them. The events will likely end with the 2014 Johnny Appleseed festival. S. Riegler stated that she was able to contact several speakers and had someone commit to speak about the railroad, the fire department and the schools. They still need someone to talk about scandals and tragedies. D. Kenney switched presentations with R. Wyman and A. Taylor and will be doing the History of Crystal Lake.
- 7) **Trolley Tour**
T. Nemcek went through the pictures for June 9, 2013. D. Kenney explained the possible driving route and where there were a good number of houses and where they were missing houses on the different streets. D. Kenney is going to try to track down where Conrad Berg's house was located. T. Nemcek will go look at the tax records for Fairview, Francis and Lincoln streets to try to track down some owners. The Commission members will regroup and try to re-drive the route to get a better list of houses and finalize the route.

The Commission will discuss the work plan and assign some tasks at the December meeting.

8) Historic District update

L. Spencer handed out the completed folders, which were prepared for each property owner. She went through the presentation that will be given at the open house. She explained the hard work that went into using the 2000 survey and correcting and adding new information so the commission can present the most accurate information to the property owners. The previous survey only did certain properties within a rectangle from Walkup, Route 176, Main Street and Crystal Lake Avenue. She presented the final discussed boundary for the proposed district. A. Taylor asked if the Raue Center could be added. M. Rozovics asked if they could extend the district along the east side of Williams Street south of Brink Street to get to the Raue Center. L. Spencer said many of those buildings are not contributing and it weakens the argument. The Commission should start with something strong then can add to the district in the future. D. Kenney said that the Raue Center was previously discussed and an individual landmark can be sought for that property. The Commission asked what type of support was needed to bring the district forward to the City Council. The Commission wants as many business owners as possible to be in favor of the district. The next step is for D. Kenney and M. Rentzsch to have one-on-one meetings with some of the key stakeholders.

9) OMA Training

Members D. Kenney, A. Taylor, B. Alt, T. Nemcek and R. Wyman have completed their training and turned in the certificates. Members L. Atwood and M. Rozovics need to complete their training. Staff will re-send out the link to both members.

10) Member Inquiries and Reports

D. Kenney said that Dearly Departed sold out again this year. The Historical Society will not have Candlelight Tours as Sandy Price is gone and there is no one currently available to replace her. A new member will be hired. D. Kenney reminded everyone that next week the time capsule goes into the base of the Union Soldier statue.

11) Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:55 p.m. On voice vote, all members voted aye.