

MINUTES
Historic Preservation Commission
February 13, 2013
Municipal Complex, 100 W. Woodstock Street, Crystal Lake, IL

1) Call to Order

B. Alt called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

2) Roll Call/Attendance

The following Commission members were present: Brice Alt, Lee Ann Atwood, Tom Nemcek, Brenda Sompolski, Austin Taylor and Bob Wyman. Members Diana Kenney and Michelle Rozovics were absent. Staff member Elizabeth Maxwell was present. Linda "Spence" Spencer was also present in the audience.

3) Public Comment

There was no public comment.

4) Approval of Minutes of the January 3, 2013 Regular Meeting

B. Sompolski made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2013 regular meeting. B. Wyman seconded the motion. On voice vote, all members present voted aye. Motion passed.

5) Centennial History Committee

The Centennial Committee Final Report was approved by the City Council at their January 15th meeting. There was no new report for the Centennial History Committee.

6) 660 E. Terra Cotta – Façade Grant

Staff explained the grant application is for \$500.00 for the repainting of the Colonel Palmer House. The estimate is \$12,450.00. A. Taylor asked why the HPC would provide funding for the Park District since they are a taxing body. L. Atwood was in favor of the request. This is a public building and on the National Register, she said, it is more deserving of grant funding than a private residence. T. Nemcek also supported the request, stating that the commission has often used this Historical Society's research archives in this building. T. Nemcek made a motion to approve the grant for \$500.00. L. Atwood seconded the motion. On voice vote, all members present voted aye. Motion passed.

7) Trolley Tour

T. Nemcek, had photos and addresses of the proposed tour properties. The commission members and Spence selected the properties they would research. T. Nemcek said he would go to the County tax office on March 1st. B. Wyman and L. Atwood said they would join him to also do research on that day. B. Alt asked the members to send him the photo of the property and the architecture style, "Four-square," "Victorian," etc. and he would write up the architectural portion of the articles.

8) Historic District Update

Spence said all of the research on the properties was done. D. Kenney and City staff M. Rentzsch are going to contact the property owners in February or March. The public open house would be in spring. E. Maxwell showed proposed mock-ups of the presentation boards. Commission members reviewed the boards and made some

changes and suggestions. The commission members also suggested small-size print-outs for the individual property folders of all the boards.

9) Member Inquiries and Reports

B. Sompolski asked if anyone had information about 103 N. Caroline. T. Nemcek shared some history of the family, but he didn't know too much about the structure itself.

B. Wyman stated that he was upset about the Leonard Parkway home being demolished. He asked the City if they had records of demolition permits. E. Maxwell stated that staff can talk with the Building Division on their permit process and see if it is possible to give the commission members notification when a demolition permit has been applied for. B. Alt said he would write a letter to the adjacent house on Leonard Parkway informing them of the building's history and giving them information about plaquing the structure and the historic research the commission can help with. B. Alt will also draft an article for the City Newsletter as part of their Trolley Tour announcement that talks about the commission and the benefits of historic preservation.

T. Nemcek reported that Brian Schaler was back from the hospital. He is unable to speak now and there are two nurses looking in on him. There was discussion about how to save some of the more historically valuable pictures from his family for the Crystal Lake Historical Society.

A. Taylor stated that the Lutheran School and Church complex on McHenry Avenue was for sale. The commission was concerned that this building could be demolished.

10) Adjournment

There being no further business, T. Nemcek made a motion to adjourn the meeting. B. Alt seconded the motion. On voice vote was made at 8:35 p.m. On voice vote, all members voted aye. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.