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DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY
PRESERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Wednesday, May 4, 2011
City Hall, 2nd Floor, CP&D Conference Room
505 Butler Place
Park Ridge, Illinois

MINUTES

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Chairwoman Barclay called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

A. ROLL CALL

Present

Paul Adlaf
Judy Barclay, Chairwoman
Barbara Christopher
Audra Ebling
Ann Eriksson
John Mackin
Shel Newman
Janine Schmeltz
Juliet Tiu

Staff

Jon Branham
Laura Kleiner

Others Present

Approximately 1 citizen

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Regular Meeting Minutes of April 13, 2011

It was moved by Commissioner Ebling, and seconded by Commissioner Eriksson, that the minutes of the meeting held on April 13, 2011, be approved, as submitted.

The Commissioners, by voice vote, unanimously approved the minutes.

C. CITIZENS WISHING TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were no citizens wishing to be heard on non-agenda items.

D. DESIGNATION REVIEW CASES

There were no designation review cases. Chairwoman Barclay mentioned that the Town of Maine Cemetery would be moving forward following an update of the plat of survey of the property. Mr. Branham reported he had received an application for a single-family residence at 424 Talcott Place that would likely be on the June agenda.

E. OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Education Outreach Poster Contest update

Chairwoman Barclay thanked the Commissioners for the efforts on the poster contest. Efforts are being made to secure prizes for the winners. Commissioner Ebling stated she would be picking up all the posters on May 23rd. The Commission will be deciding on contest winners at the June 1st meeting. Following the results, the City Council would be announcing the award winners and the posters would be displayed at City Hall.

2. Public & Institutional Landmark Opportunities

The Commission discussed public and institutional landmark possibilities. Various properties were mentioned, including the Berry Parkway Gates, the old orphanage signs along Touhy Avenue, the street sign obelisks, the Cedar Court fountain, the fountain at Hodges Park, and the tree plaque at Field School. Commissioner Christopher mentioned the Dam #4 that was listed in the early inventory, and there was discussion on whether or not the dam was officially on City property. Chairwoman Barclay stated the Commission could nominate property such as these and the City would need to consent to the nomination. Currently, City property is exempt only from Certificate of Appropriateness applications.

3. CLG Update

Mr. Branham stated that he continues to work with the City Attorney and Mike Ward, from the Illinois Historic Preservation Association (IHPA), on changes to the Park Ridge Historic Preservation Ordinance in order to qualify for the State's tax incentive programs. Chairwoman Barclay reiterated the importance of the CLG designation.

4. Grant Opportunities

Mr. Branham presented background on a couple of matching grant opportunities, and the National Trust's "This Place Matters" campaign. The Commission discussed potential sites and opportunities including lending support to the Kalo Foundation, who would be nominating the Iannelli Studio site for the campaign. Commissioner Mackin inquired about the feasibility of saving the site and the future proposed use if the site was saved. Chairwoman Barclay relayed updated information on the efforts to purchase the property, the significance of the site, and concept plans for future use. The Commission decided to support the Iannelli site with regard to the "This Place Matters" campaign. There would be an

upcoming assembly of people for the photo shoot at the Iannelli site for the campaign. Commissioners would be notified and be encouraged to attend.

F. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Branham stated there was no discretionary funding for the printing of the brochures or flyers at this time. He stated the last estimate was approximately \$250 for 1,500 brochures, and \$150 for 500 flyers. Chairwoman Barclay stated she would also inquire about funding at upcoming budget meetings.

Commissioner Mackin stated the posters could potentially be used in conjunction with “Arts Friday”, which was being sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. Verification of the status of the event and upcoming dates/venues would be forthcoming.

Commission Adlaf stated that images from the Lee Bay presentation are available for viewing on Facebook.

Commissioner Mackin inquired about additional information on the obelisk signs. He stated there were also signs of that nature in Downers Grove.

Chairwoman Barclay proclaimed her enthusiasm for preservation efforts, noting there were so many treasures in Park Ridge. She encouraged others to nominate significant property. Earlier in the meeting, she congratulated the Commission on its’ one year anniversary.

G. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Date

Judy Barclay, Chairwoman

These minutes are not a verbatim record of the meeting but a summary of the proceedings.