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DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY
PRESERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Wednesday, November 2, 2011
City Hall, Council Chambers
505 Butler Place
Park Ridge, Illinois

MINUTES

Chairwoman Barclay called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

A. ROLL CALL

Present

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

Staff

Jon Branham
Laura Kleiner

Others Present

Approximately 1 citizen

Absent

Audra Ebling
Juliet Tiu

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Regular Meeting Minutes of October 5, 2011

It was moved by Commissioner Newman, and seconded by Commissioner Eriksson, that the minutes of the meeting held on October 5, 2011, be approved, as submitted.

This motion was approved by voice vote, unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Eriksson, and seconded by Commissioner Adlaf, that the Findings of Fact for LD-11-03, be approved as submitted.

This motion was approved by voice vote, unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Schmeltz, and seconded by Commissioner Mackin, that the Findings of Fact for LD-11-04, be approved as submitted.

This motion was approved by voice vote, unanimously.

C. CITIZENS WISHING TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS - None**D. DESIGNATION REVIEW CASES - None****E. OTHER ITEMS****1. Certificate for Landmarked Properties**

Jon Branham summarized his staff report dated October 28, 2011 and presented a draft copy of a Certificate for Landmark Designation that could be given to landmarked property owners.

Commissioner Newman stated that he feared that by presenting the Certificate at this time, it would be used as an excuse not to give plaques to landmarked property owners in the future.

Chairwoman Barclay stated that she planned on requesting funds for the plaques from the City Council Finance Committee. She reiterated that the Historic Preservation Commission should be recognized for funding.

Chairwoman Barclay stated that she was also apprehensive that this would be an excuse for City Council not to support funding. She added that she estimated the cost to be around \$300 per plaque.

Commissioner Christopher noted that Mr. Sasser had volunteered to have a plaque made at his own expense, if given a prototype.

The Commissioners agreed to table the vote on the Certificate for Landmark Designation.

2. CLG Update

Judy Barclay stated the Mike Ward, of the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, which operates the Certified Local Government (CLG) program, was excited to learn that the Park Ridge Historic Preservation Commission was open to including mid-century modern residences as significant landmarks, as evidenced by the home designed by Bruce Goff that the Commission recommended for approval last month. She noted that staff had sent all the information concerning the recent changes to the Historic Preservation Ordinance to IHPA as well as the inclusion of all residences that have received landmark designation thus far. She added that it was important to obtain CLG approval to enable the owners of properties to gain tax benefits.

3. Potential Landmark Letter Update

The Commissioners discussed the proposed letter update. Commissioner Newman suggested that the language be changed to stress that the property is a potential landmark. Commissioner Mackin suggested changing the language of the first sentence of the letter to read, "Once again we encourage you to join us at a Commission meeting and discuss the possibility of landmark designation for your property." He also suggested a change to the last sentence in the letter to, "We look forward to hearing from you and encourage you to investigate your potential landmark designation."

Commissioner Newman suggested adding information regarding the benefits of landmark designation to the letter.

Commissioner Adlaf suggested putting more information on the City website regarding properties that had already received designation.

The Commissioners discussed other possible landmark designees such as the Maine Township Building, Maine East High School, other properties in Spanish Town (near 424 Talcott Place), the Iannelli Fountain, the Berry Parkway gate, the obelisk signs, and 325 Oak Street.

The Commission noted that the address for the house on Wesley that was discussed as a potential candidate for landmark designation should be 720 Wesley Drive.

F. NEW BUSINESS

Chairwoman Barclay informed the Commission that Alderman DiPietro would be the new Commission liaison.

Chairwoman Barclay stated that the program Betty Green had assembled about the architect, R.H. Zook on Sunday, October 23rd was very successful and that she was able to obtain a list of houses in Park Ridge that he had designed.

Commissioner Newman stated that the Art Institute of Chicago had files of correspondence from Bruce Goff that he had been able to examine. He noted a passage from Mr. Goff stating the Park Ridge City Council at that time (late 1930's) was very restrictive with regard to permissible construction.

G. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 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.