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DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY
PRESERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Wednesday, February 9, 2011
Council Chambers, City Hall
505 Butler Place
Park Ridge, Illinois

MINUTES

Chairwoman Barclay called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

A. ROLL CALL

Present

Paul Adlaf
Judy Barclay, Chairwoman
Barbara Christopher
Ann Eriksson
John Mackin (arrived at 6:08 p.m.)
Shel Newman
Janine Schmeltz
Juliet Tiu (arrived at 6:06 p.m.)

Staff

Jon Branham
Laura Kleiner

Others Present

Approximately 1 citizen

Absent

Audra Ebling

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

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

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

Chairwoman Barclay suggested moving “Citizens Wishing to be Heard on Non-Agenda Items” to the top of the agenda, after the approval of minutes, on a permanent basis.

On a motion by Commissioner Eriksson, seconded by Commissioner Newman, the Commission voted unanimously to change the “Citizens Wishing to be Heard on Non-Agenda Items” to item “C.” on the agenda, permanently.

Commissioner Tiu arrived at 6:06 p.m. and Commissioner Mackin arrived at 6:08 p.m., after the minutes were approved.

C. CITIZENS WISHING TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS - None

D. DESIGNATION REVIEW CASES - None

E. OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Review of Revised Brochure –

The Commissioners were generally pleased with the brochure. Chairwoman Barclay approved of the addition of where one could find the Park Ridge Historic Preservation Code location within the Municipal Code. Ms. Barclay noted that the resolution of the City logo was not clear enough and suggested using the lamppost logo if it could not be improved. Mr. Branham stated he would see if any other City logos were available and would relay the information to Commissioner Ebling.

Commissioner Adlaf suggested changing a portion of the text of the brochure to the text that was used in the previous draft. The other Commissioners agreed, and Ms. Barclay requested that Mr. Adlaf give a written version of the changes to staff to give to Commissioner Ebling. The brochure and flier will be updated and voted on at the next meeting.

F. NEW BUSINESS

Chairwoman Barclay noted the exposure given in the *Spokesman* to the efforts to nominate the Iannelli Studios at 255-57 North Northwest Highway for local designation as a historic landmark, as well as efforts by the Kalo Foundation to purchase the property.

Chairwoman Barclay stated Tim Samuelson would be speaking at a presentation about Margaret Iannelli, entitled, "The Fragile Flower" on February 20, 2011, at the Community Church at 1:00 p.m. Other upcoming events include a presentation by the Chicago Suburban Alliance on February 26, 2011, at 9:00 a.m. that will be held at 720 Garden Street. Ms. Barclay noted that this presentation was funded by the National Trust, a support group and resource for historic preservation efforts. She reminded the Commissioners that City business could not be discussed at these functions.

Commissioner Adlaf also mentioned upcoming events to be held by the Park Ridge Historical Society, including one on Sunday, April 10, 2011, at 2:00 p.m. on the Richard Nickel legacy by speaker Ward Miller, location to be determined. Another one is planned for May 1, 2011, at 2:00 p.m. on "Park Ridge Modern" by speaker Lee Bey, at the Summit of Uptown, 10 North Summit.

Chairwoman Barclay stated that the Historic Preservation Commission would not be getting any budget from the City in the upcoming year. Plaques designating landmark status would have to be obtained through donations.

Ms. Barclay also noted that the charge per case for Landmark Designation had been lowered to \$100.00. Commissioner Newman asked if this reduction would be retroactive for the Pickwick Theater Building. Jon Branham stated he would consult with the City Attorney concerning that possibility. Mr. Branham also stated that the forms had been changed to reflect the new cost.

Joan Sandrick, 409 South Clifton Avenue, questioned what the \$100.00 fee covered. Ms. Barclay responded that it went toward staff time. Ms. Sandrick also wondered how it was determined what “expert” testimony was in deciding on landmark status. Judy Barclay responded that it was in the purview of the Historical Preservation Commission to make that decision in how the claim was substantiated.

Commissioner Newman noted that the public hearing for the map amendment for the property at 255-57 North Northwest Highway, the location of the former Iannelli Studio, was to be held February 22, 2011 at 7:30pm. He stated that he had learned that Bruce Goff worked in the Iannelli Studio at the invitation of Mr. Iannelli. Chairwoman Barclay noted that other architects such as John Lloyd Wright had worked there as well.

Chairwoman Barclay stated that 512 Courtland Avenue should be removed from the list of possible landmark locations.

Jon Branham displayed a map of Park Ridge created by the GIS system that illustrated the properties on the potential landmark locations. Commissioner Mackin suggested each Commissioner mark on a map the areas that they had already investigated and proposed combining all of the information onto one map, to clarify what areas had been researched and investigated, so that efforts are not duplicated.

Mr. Branham also noted that a gentleman had dropped off a compact disc documenting photos of the Target Area Two/Uptown construction, and was available for viewing. Chairwoman Barclay also passed around a telephone book ad from 1929.

Chairwoman Barclay reported that she has been in touch with the Town of Maine Cemetery organization and learned that their president had been ill and had been unable to obtain and submit necessary documents for the Historic Landmark designation case, but an application has been filled out and should be forthcoming.

G. CITIZENS WISHING TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS - None

G. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 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.