

**VILLAGE OF HUNTLEY
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, May 20, 2014
MINUTES**

5 CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Donna Britton called to order the regularly scheduled meeting of the Village of Huntley Historic Preservation Commission for Tuesday, May 20, 2014 at 6:02 pm in the Village Board Room, located at 10987 Main Street, Huntley, Illinois 60142. The room is handicap accessible.

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ROLL CALL - ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Karen Langhenry, Geri Rizzo, Deb Waters, and Diana Carpenter, Vice-Chair Lonni Oldham and Chairperson Donna Britton

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MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner Jake Marino

ALSO PRESENT: Director of Development Services Charles Nordman and Planner James Williams

20 PUBLIC COMMENT There were no public comments.

5. New Business

A. 2014 Pride in Preservation Award – Hartmann Residence – 11210 Myrtle Avenue

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Chairperson Britton welcomed the Hartman Family, Melanie and Eric and their three daughters, to the Historic Preservation Commission meeting and noted her appreciation for their acceptance of the 2014 Pride in Preservation award for the care and maintenance of their property at 11210 Myrtle Avenue.

30 Discussion ensued regarding the history of the subject property and the experience the Hartmann's have had acquiring, restoring and renovating the house and property grounds.

4. Approval of Minutes

35 A. **A MOTION was made to approve the April 22, 2014 Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes with the following corrections:**

Page 2, Line 2, replace "was skeptical" with "questioned"

Page 2, Line 4, reword sentence to read "for it to be forwarded on to the Village Board members."

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Page 2, Line 6, replace "is" with "his"

Page 2, Line 8, add "with the Village."

Page 2, Line 11, add "and e-mail newsletters."

Page 2, Line 14, add "at the request of Village Board members."

Page 3, Lines 28-29, replace "provided by" with "based on" and "Commission personnel" with "Society's"

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MOVED: Commissioner Rizzo

SECONDED: Commissioner Carpenter

AYES: Commissioners Rizzo, Waters, and Carpenter, Vice-Chair Oldham and Chairperson Britton

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NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Langhenry

MOTION CARRIED 5:0:1

6. Old Business

A. Discussion - May 24, 2014 Farmers Market Activities

- 5 Chairperson Britton began with noting her appreciation of the coordination between the “Alliance” consisting of members from the following four (4) organizations: Huntley Historic Preservation Commission, Huntley Historical Society, Huntley Area Public Library and Huntley Park District that planned and implemented the Huntley Art Contest.
- 10 Chairperson Britton stated that the art submitted as part of the Huntley Art Contest will be on display within the Old Village Hall at 11704 Coral Street. Additionally, Chairperson Britton stated that the Huntley Historic Commission and Huntley Historical Society will be sharing a booth outside the Old Village Hall building on Coral Street.
- 15 Additional activities discussed included the possibility of staging photos on the steps of the Sawyer-Kelley Mill Building similar to the historical photos taken of individuals in that same setting.

Chairperson Britton asked Staff what the timetable was for the demolition of the Sawyer-Kelley building and Director Nordman stated that the submittal of bids from companies interested in performing the demolition work are due on Wednesday, May 28, 2014, and therefore there is no specific timeframe in place for when the building may be razed.

20 *Chairperson Britton requested discussion under Old Business of the following items:*

25 Meeting with Village Board Trustees

Chairperson Britton stated that she and Commissioner Carpenter met with Village Board members Ronda Goldman and Nick Hanson on Wednesday afternoon, May 7th and noted that both Trustees were very supportive of historic preservation.

30 Chairperson Britton noted that Trustee Goldman and Trustee Hanson both believed that the landmarked properties along West Main Street (12101 W. Main and 12117 W. Main) should have been included within the inaugural Huntley historic district.

35 Commissioner Carpenter mentioned that as with previous meetings with Trustee members, information that supports the positive impact of historic preservation on property values would be helpful to provide to Trustee Goldman and Trustee Hanson given that they both indicated that they are concerned about declining property values within the Village.

40 Sawyer-Kelley Mill Walk-Through – Thursday, April 24, 2014

Chairperson Britton recalled that the survey of the Sawyer-Kelley building in April provided an opportunity for those individuals who were able to participate to remove selected items and mark other items that would hopefully be salvaged prior to the demolition of the building. In regard to those other items not removed on the walk-through, Chairperson Britton asked Staff what is the status of the salvage of these items.

45 Director Nordman acknowledged the bids for the demolition of the Sawyer-Kelley Mill will accommodate that specified items will be removed from the structure prior and/or during demolition, however, the details of exactly how this will be performed has not been finalized.

50 Chairperson Britton noted that storage of the items removed from the Sawyer-Kelley Mill may be able to be stored at sites such as the Deicke Farm. Additionally, Chairperson Britton acknowledged that Commissioner Rizzo had

salvaged a window from the Sawyer-Kelley Mill and had adorned the window with decorative reeds and grasses and placed a name plat with the wording: "Sawyer-Kelley Mill 1892-2014".

5 Director Nordman stated that he would confer with the Village Manager for direction on the best manner to display and/or store items such as the decorative piece prepared by Commissioner Rizzo.

Hackett House

10 Chairperson Britton stated that the survey, documentation and salvage process employed at the Sawyer-Kelley Mill site could possibly be applied at the Hackett House prior to any alterations performed at this site and suggested that the organizations within the Alliance mentioned earlier should be instrumental in the process of surveying the Hackett House property.

15 Chairperson Britton reminded the other Commissioners of the importance of considering future uses of the Hackett House to suggest to the Mayor and Trustees as the program for the rehabilitation of that site moves forward.

20 Commissioner Rizzo asked if there are any plans for design of the future Amtrak station and Director Nordman acknowledged that while the Amtrak program is moving forward at an accelerated pace, neither the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) or Amtrak have specified details for the station site.

Commissioner Carpenter stated that she would work to author a letter summarizing the various issues discussed through the course of the meetings the Historic Preservation Commissioners have had with the Village Board members.

25 7. Adjournment

At 7:50 p.m., A MOTION was made by Commissioner Carpenter to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Vice-Chair Oldham. Motion carried unanimously.

30 Respectfully submitted,

James Williams

Planner

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