

**VILLAGE OF HUNTLEY
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, August 16, 2011
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, August 16, 2011 at 6:01 pm in the Village Hall Board Room, located at 10987 Main Street, Huntley, Illinois 60142. The room is handicap accessible.

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ROLL CALL - ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairperson Donna Britton, Commissioners Karen Langhenry, Jake Marino and Tom Conley

15 MEMBERS ABSENT: Vice-Chair Lonni Oldham, Commissioners Karen Rocks and Deb Waters
ALSO PRESENT: Planner James Williams

3. Public Comment

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There were no public comments.

4. Approval of Minutes

A MOTION was made to approve the June 19, 2011 Meeting Minutes with the following correction:

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Page 2, Lines 8, replace "mailing" with "delivery"

MOVED: Commissioner Tom Conley
SECONDED: Commissioner Jake Marino
30 **AYES:** Commissioners Jake Marino and Tom Conley
and Chairperson Donna Britton
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: Commissioner Karen Langhenry
MOTION CARRIED 3:0:1

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5. Old Business

A. Prospective Landmark Properties, Additions to existing Historic District and/or New Historic Districts

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Chairperson Britton asked Planner Williams about the scheduling of the Village Board consideration of the landmark application for the Town Square.

Planner Williams stated the item is scheduled for discussion before the Village Board at their Committee of the Whole meeting on Thursday, September 1, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

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Chairperson Britton asked the other Historic Commissioners about the progress made contacting the 2009 and 2010 Pride in Preservation award recipient property owners.

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Commissioner Marino stated the property owners he had contacted were not interested in pursuing historic designation for their property at this time.

Commissioner Conley reviewed the research he had performed for the properties he was following-up with, including determining appropriate legal descriptions for the respective properties and asked Planner Williams if the Village may be able to provide these legal descriptions.

Planner Williams replied that the Village may have the resources necessary to produce these legal descriptions.

5 Commissioner Conley continued that he had the plat of survey and blueprints for the Mullane residence at 11608 Second Street and would continue to work with the property owner toward producing a landmark application. Similarly, Commissioner Conley stated he was dedicated to moving forward with the possible landmark-designation of the Smith residence at 11610 Second Street. Additionally, Commissioner Conley remains hopeful the property at 10819 Woodstock Street (Funk residence) may be locally landmarked.

10 B. Discussion – at the direction of Commissioner Conley – Town Square Clock

Commissioner Conley distributed to Staff and the Historic Preservation Commissioners copies of a cost estimate and digital photograph of a four-sided pedestal-style clock available through the Colonial Clock Shop located in Stillwater, Minnesota.

15 Commissioner Conley pointed out the cost for the clock was a preliminary figure and further research would be needed before an appropriate cost is settled upon and he suggested the northwest corner of Main and Church Streets as a suitable location for the placement of the clock.

20 Chairperson Britton offered that there may be a problem with the timing of proposing the placement of a “new” clock in the Village Square-area under consideration for landmark status.

Commissioner Conley stated his belief that the clock would be a suitable investment in the downtown area and the proposed placement would be appropriate given the large volume of stopped traffic at the subject intersection.

Chairperson Britton stated the recently adopted Downtown Revitalization Plan provided a framework for future redevelopment of the downtown area including elements such as the proposed clock.

30 Planner Williams agreed the Downtown Revitalization Plan provides a framework for possible future redevelopment including a streetscape plan that may or may not include a clock.

Chairperson Britton asked if the recommendation for proposing a clock in the Town Square were approved, when the Village Board would consider the issue and Planner Williams stated he would explore the timing of this with the Village Manager’s office.

35 A MOTION was made to recommend consideration of the Town Square clock for placement at the northwest corner of Main and Church Streets subject to additional research into the cost of said clock.

40 **MOVED:** Commissioner Karen Langhenry
SECONDED: Commissioner Tom Conley
AYES: Commissioners Karen Langhenry, Jake Marino and Tom Conley
NAYS: Chairperson Donna Britton
ABSTAIN: None
45 **MOTION CARRIED** 3:0:1

Chairperson Britton stated she was in favor of considering the clock in the downtown area just not necessarily at the Main and Church Streets intersection.

50 C. Kris Kringle – Christmas on the Square event – Saturday, December 3, 2011

Commissioner Conley stated he was still considering an open house at his residence, the T.S. Huntley House, 10904 Woodstock Street, perhaps to include fund raising for the Huntley Historic Society.

5 Chairperson Britton stated that discussion she has had with Vice-Chair Lonni Oldham included the involvement of the downtown businesses with an activity focusing on local history. Additionally, Chairperson Britton mentioned an activity involving the German-born American caricaturist and editorial cartoonist Thomas Nast who is credited with creating the modern depictions of Santa Claus.

Commissioner Marino suggested creating enlargements of Huntley winter-scene photographs and offering them for display in the windows of downtown businesses.

10 Commissioners Conley and Marino agreed to investigate the number of photos and resources for the enlargement of the photographs. Commissioner Conley noted the photos should include the wording "Courtesy of the Huntley Historic Preservation Commission".

15 Commissioner Langhenry pointed out photos as recent as 1960s blizzard photos would be appropriate.

It was agreed to continue discussion at next month's meeting of a potential activity for the December 3, 2011 Christmas on the Square event.

20 6. New Business

7. Adjournment

At 6:44 pm, A MOTION was made by Commissioner Conley to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Commissioner Langhenry. Motion carried unanimously.

25 Respectfully submitted,
James Williams
Planner
Village of Huntley

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