

**VILLAGE OF HUNTLEY
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, September 16, 2014
MINUTES**

5 CALL TO ORDER

Acting Chair Deb Waters called to order the regularly scheduled meeting of the Village of Huntley Historic Preservation Commission for Tuesday, September 16, 2014 at 6:06 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, Jake Marino and Deb Waters

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MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner Diane Carpenter, Vice Chair Lonni Oldham and Chairperson Donna Britton

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

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PUBLIC COMMENT There were no public comments.

4. 2014 Pride in Preservation Award – Krush Residence – 11007 Myrtle Avenue

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Acting Chair Waters welcomed Paul and Pat Krush to the Historic Preservation Commission meeting and provided a brief summary of the Pride in Preservation Award program and noted the appreciation the Huntley Historic Preservation Commission has for their acceptance of the 2014 Pride in Preservation award for the care and maintenance of their property at 11007 Myrtle Avenue.

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Discussion ensued regarding the history of the subject property and the experiences the Mr. and Mrs. Krush have had acquiring, restoring and renovating their house, garage and property.

5. Approval of Minutes

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A. **A MOTION was made to approve the August 19, 2014 Historic Preservation Commission minutes as written.**

MOVED: Commissioner Rizzo

SECONDED: Commissioner Marino

AYES: Commissioners Rizzo and Marino, and Acting Chair Waters

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NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Langhenry

MOTION CARRIED 3:0:1

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6. Old Business

A. Second Street Website Data Format / Executive Summary

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Commissioner Marino noted that Staff has provided him with memory stick containing the photos of the properties along Second Street and that he hoped to integrate these photos into the Second Street website information and provide a completed draft at next month's Historic Preservation Commission meeting.

B. Art Contest Display Schedule / Next Year's Art Contest Plans

5 Commissioner Rizzo recounted the schedule for display of the 2014 art contest art work through this Fall and on into 2015 including that the Huntley Park District will be hosting the art pieces in September, followed by the Huntley School District in October, the Huntley Area Public Library in November and Del Webb's Sun City in January 2015, leaving December 2014 open for a location interested in displaying the artworks.

10 Commissioner Rizzo noted that scans of the artworks looked great and that she and Vice Chair Oldham looked forward to organizing a 2015 Art Contest at the discretion of the Historic Preservation Commission.

C. Hackett House - Future Usage

15 Director Nordman noted that work has already begun on rehabilitation of the property with the hope that significant progress can be made before the weather turns uncooperative. Director Nordman noted that the front porch has been removed, but that the interior of the property remains intact. Director Nordman suggested that inspection/inventory of the property be scheduled very soon to allow for review of the property before it is altered more significantly.

D. Educational Tours

20 Acting Chair Waters asked if the Historic Preservation Commissioners had any thoughts regarding possible events and/or tours to hold in the future.

25 Commissioner Rizzo noted that the Huntley Historic Alliance and Huntley Area Public Library are interested in holding geocaching event similar to one held recently in Crystal Lake.

E. Historical Information for Sign at Route 47/Main Street

30 Director Nordman reminded the Historic Preservation Commission that Village meetings, including tonight's meeting, are all posted on the message board at the Route 47/Main Street monument sign.

F. Trustee Update of Historic Preservation Commission Work Plan

35 Director Nordman distributed a Huntley Historic Preservation Commission – 2015 Work Plan draft. Director Nordman noted that the 2015 Work Plan draft has been reformatted to add Goals discussed at last month's meeting including "Collaborate with local history groups" and "Support annual art contest". Additionally, Director Nordman suggested that the Historic Preservation Commissioners consider "Outcomes" to be added to those currently blank fields.

40 Acting Chair Waters stated that she likes the reformatted 2015 Work Plan and in particular appreciates the outcome of each goal being defined.

45 Director Nordman asked the commissioners to review the Work Plan and provide any comments or changes at the October meeting.

7. New Business

A. 2015 Work Plan and Historic Preservation Budget Request

50 Director Nordman noted that this item was adequately addressed under 6. *Old Business; Item (F)*.

B. Autumn / Winter Project(s)

Commissioner Rizzo suggested that participation in the Village's Kris Kringle event might incorporate holiday ornaments and also noted that a luminaire display similar to the one installed in the downtown area last year should also be part of the festivities this year.

Updates:

Director Nordman announced that the T.S. Huntley headstone in the Huntley cemetery that was recently damaged has been repaired with the exception of a stone urn that will be replaced soon.

Director Nordman noted that the Huntley Village Board of Trustees' Committee of the Whole meeting this Thursday, September 18, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. will include the conceptual review of the proposed redevelopment of the property at 11613 Main Street (SEC of Main and Grove Streets) which includes the razing of the existing residential structure and garage and construction of a ±1,876 square foot dental office.

Additionally, Director Nordman stated that the 09/18/14 Village Board Committee of the Whole meeting will also include consideration of the first façade improvement program application submitted by Paul Godlewski for his building located at the northwest corner of Main and Woodstock Streets. Director Nordman noted that Mr. Godlewski's request includes replacement of windows.

Commissioner Langhenry asked what the schedule was for the construction of the building on the former Sawyer-Kelley site and if any tenants for the building have been announced. Director Nordman stated that the building's foundation is currently being formed and should be poured within the next week or so and that an eye care business and a coffee/confections shop have committed to tenant spaces within the building.

Director Nordman stated that the Village continues to work with the Illinois Department of Transportation, Union Pacific Railroad and Amtrak regarding the location of a station and associated parking in the area at the southern end of Woodstock Street in the area where the volleyball court is located near the railroad tracks.

Director Nordman also announced that work will begin this fall at the northwest corner of Route 47 and Main Street to include the installation of walkways, benches, landscaping and hardscape features aimed at providing both an entry feature and the screening of the business activity to the northwest of the intersection.

8. Adjournment

At 7:40 p.m., A MOTION was made by Commissioner Marino to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Commissioner Rizzo. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

James Williams

Planner

Village of Huntley