

**VILLAGE OF HUNTLEY
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, October 18, 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, October 18, 2011 at 6:05 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: Commissioners Deb Waters, Jake Marino, Vice-Chair Lonni Oldham and Chairperson Donna Britton

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MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioners Karen Langhenry, Karen Rocks and Tom Conley

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

3. Public Comment

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There were no comments from the public.

4. Approval of Minutes

A MOTION was made to approve the September 20, 2011 Meeting Minutes as written.

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MOVED: Commissioner Deb Waters

SECONDED: Commissioner Jake Marino

AYES: Commissioners Deb Waters and Jake Marino

NAYS: None

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ABSTAIN: Vice-Chair Lonni Oldham and Chairperson Donna Britton

MOTION CARRIED 2:0:2

5. Old Business

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

Chairperson Britton referred to the discussion at last month's meeting regarding potential historic designations of two properties on Second Street (11608 and 11610) and asked if there was any news regarding either of these properties.

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Commissioner Marino stated he understood that Commissioner Conley continues his work processing landmark applications for the two Second Street properties, however, the two designations Commissioner Marino was pursuing (Darby residence - 11111 Grove and Boston residence - 11905 Main Street, *resp.*) have not progressed any further.

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Chairperson Britton inquired as to the status of historic designation for 11002 Church Street and if anyone had reached out to the Zators at 11607 Second Street.

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Discussion ensued including that the designation of the property at 11002 Church remains "on-hold" and there has not been any contact with the Zator family at 11607 Second Street.

Chairperson Britton asked if Staff had contacted the owners of the rental property at 11212 Grove Street and Planner Williams stated he had left a message [Wednesday, 08/17/11] with the owners of that property but had not heard back from them.

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Chairperson Britton recalled the list of yearly goals previously compiled and discussed including historic designation of non-residential properties and asked if this was still something the other Commissioners considered worthy of being pursued.

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Commissioner Waters pointed out designation of the Dairy Mart property was still something worthy of consideration and Commissioner Marino expressed his belief the original historic designation request from the owner was with the hope that landmark status may complicate changes required with the Route 47 reconstruction project.

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Director Nordman pointed out the no additional right-of-way had been acquired from the subject property.

Chairperson Britton asked about the schedule for the Route 47 project and when it was expected the roadway would be finished.

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Director Nordman stated the roadway constructed is slated for completion by June 1, 2012.

Chairperson Britton pointed out an additional non-residential property worthy of keeping an eye on is the Catty property and she asked if the party who purchased the property a few years ago was still the owner of the property.

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Director Nordman stated the current property owner purchased the property in 2007.

Vice-Chair Oldham and Commissioner Waters recalled Commissioner Conley's recent visit to the Skyline Building in Harvard to tour this superior model of adaptive reuse which hopefully could be replicated with the redevelopment of the Catty Building.

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Chairperson Britton asked if the other Commissioners could provide any insight into the work Commissioner Conley is performing on behalf of the McHenry County Historic Commission to designate the Oakland Park site on the west end of Algonquin Road, west of Route 47.

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Commissioner Marino stated he understood the designation would involve a grove of trees and Director Nordman stated he believed it was a side project Commissioner Conley was working on independent of the Huntley Historic Preservation Commission.

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Chairperson Britton stated she looked forward to hearing more about the project from Commissioner Conley at the November meeting.

B. Christmas on the Square historic preservation activity – December 3, 2011

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Vice-Chair Oldham stated Commissioner Conley contacted her about photos he compiled and his plan to leave those photos with either her or Commissioner Rocks.

Discussion ensued about the compilation of photos, reproduction and "pairing" historic photos with photos taken of the same site from a similar vantage point today.

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Planner Williams agreed to take the present-day photos once he has been provided the historic photos.

Discussion continued about the specific businesses to be contacted to provide permission to post the photographs and determine the best place within these businesses to place the photos (i.e. in the window, on an easel, ...etc.).

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Promotion of the businesses with photos on display was discussed including Commissioner Marino's suggestion of compiling a map of the downtown area where photos will be displayed.

Commissioner Waters reviewed information she had compiled regarding a mural depicting the founder of Tomahawk, Wisconsin displayed in the downtown area of that municipality.

5 Commissioner Waters acknowledged the size of the Tomahawk-mural, 425 square feet, is considerably larger than what may be considered in the Huntley downtown area and pointed out the mural was sponsored by a local Wisconsin bank.

6. New Business

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Chairperson Britton suggested the other Commissioners begin thinking about the event to commemorate May as Local History month next year including the planning of events on a county-wide basis to reduce the conflicts between events and increase the influence and efficiency of the scheduled events. The goal for the May event is to plan the type of activity that could be enjoyed county-wide.

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Discussion included previous discussions of potential event themes including teachers and historic street names.

Chairperson Britton asked if the Village received the recently published McHenry County Historic Preservation guide and Planner Williams stated copies of the guide are available in the Development Services Department lobby.

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7. Adjournment

At 6:57 pm, A MOTION was made by Vice-Chair Oldham to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Commissioner Marino. Motion carried unanimously.

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Respectfully submitted,

James Williams

Planner

Village of Huntley

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