

**VILLAGE OF HUNTLEY  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING  
Tuesday, March 16, 2010  
MINUTES**

5 CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Lonni Oldham called to order the regularly scheduled meeting of the Village of Huntley Historic Preservation Commission for Tuesday, March 16, 2010 at 6:04 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: Vice-Chair Lonni Oldham, Commissioners Karen Rocks, Tom Conley, Jake Marino, and Deb Waters

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MEMBERS ABSENT: Chairperson Donna Britton

ALSO PRESENT: Senior Planner Charles Nordman and Planner James Williams

3. Approval of Minutes

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A MOTION was made to approve the **February 16, 2010 Meeting Minutes** with the following corrections:

Page 2, Line 6, "Barb" replacing "Barb"

Page 2, Line 10, Add "that" after "suggested"

Page 2, Line 16, "acknowledged" replacing "acknowledge"

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Page 2, Line 21, delete "the" after "about"

**MOVED: Commissioner Conley**

**SECONDED: Commissioner Waters**

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**AYES: Vice-Chair Lonni Oldham, Commissioners Deb Waters, Karen Rocks, Jake Marino, and Tom Conley**

**NAYS: None**

**ABSTAIN: None**

**MOTION CARRIED 5:0:0**

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Commissioner Conley stated he attended the Huntley Plan Commission meeting on Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup> where the public hearing to consider the proposed James O'Connor Funeral Home expansion was held. After the meeting Commissioner Conley spoke with James Drafall, owner of the property at 11609 Main Street, and Mr. Drafall told Commissioner Conley he had an abstract for the 11609 Main Street-property and the property was once a grocery store. Commissioner Conley stressed the historic importance of the structure with Mr. Drafall.

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4. Old Business

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

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Vice-Chair Lonni Oldham asked for clarification of where the Huntley historic district signage issue was left and recalled the question of what type of sign and where it may be placed was put on-hold until the Downtown Revitalization Program concluded.

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Senior Planner Nordman acknowledged this was where the question of historic district signage had left off and distributed copies the three Downtown Revitalization Plan Alternatives including: (i.) Preservation Alternative, (ii.) Re-development and Expansion Alternative and (iii.) Hybrid Alternative. Senior Planner Nordman outlined the highlights of each Alternative and stated the Village Board directed the consultant to move forward with the Hybrid Alternative including possibilities for an expanded village square.

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Commissioner Rocks asked for clarification as to what was meant by the notation "lost opportunities" on the Downtown Concept 1 – Preservation Alternative.

5 Senior Planner Nordman stated the notation serves to note the large amount of property owned and controlled by Dean Foods and First Congregational Church with significant frontage along important thoroughfares that will have a large effect upon any future plan's implementation strategy along those roadways.

Senior Planner Nordman stated a workshop will be scheduled in the next several weeks to present and discuss the implementation strategy for the Downtown Revitalization Plan.

10 Vice-Chair Oldham mentioned the application for the Village Square landmark designation will provide the Village Board with evidence of the importance the Historic Preservation Commission assigns to this sensitive area.

#### B. Discuss May Local History Month Commemoration Event

15 Vice-Chair Lonni Oldham recounted previous discussions for a garden photo and garden tool display event commemorating local history month to coincide with the Village's Farmers' Market kick-off event "Plant Your Garden Day" on May 8th. Vice-Chair Oldham stated she hopes to discuss the event with Mary Beth Manning at the Huntley Public Area Library and investigate if perhaps an institution such as McHenry County Community College may have a master gardener available to speak at the event.

20 Commissioner Conley reminded the other Commissioners that Del Webb may also be a resource for securing someone to speak about gardening at the May 8<sup>th</sup> event.

25 Regarding a Memorial Day event, Commissioner Conley reviewed information he compiled on three Huntley historical figures from the Civil War, Spanish-American War and World War I. Additionally, Commissioner Conley distributed a list of American Legion of Huntley members with the hope of gleaning information and/or participation to support the event from one more of these individuals.

30 In regard to advertising the Memorial Day event, Vice-Chair Oldham suggested use of the NW Herald's website as well as the Village of Huntley website. Additionally, Vice-Chair Oldham will investigate the possibility of reserving a bus for this event.

*6:34 p.m. – Jake Marino excused himself from the meeting.*

#### 35 C. Discuss Pride in Preservation Nominations

The draft letter to 2010 Pride in Preservation nominated property owners was reviewed and the content of the letter was discussed including wording which "invites" the property owners to attend the Village Board meeting where the proclamation recognizing May as Local History Month will be read. Additionally, Historic Preservation Commissioners believed the placement of the "Pride in Preservation" sign should accommodate the months of June and July in addition to the month of May.

#### 5. New Business

45 Vice-Chair Oldham stated she was encouraged to learn the Village Board will be appointing a person to fill the vacant Historic Preservation Commission seat.

#### 6. Adjournment

50 At 6:45 pm, A MOTION was made by Commissioner Waters to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Conley. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

*James Williams*

Planner

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