



Village of Lombard

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Minutes

Lombard Historical Commission

Rita Schneider, President
Tom Fetters, Eileen Mueller, Brigitte O'Brien,
Richard Anstee, John Egan, Lyn Myers,
Pat Poskocil, Jack Jones, Marcy Novak and
Tami Urish
Leslie Sulla - Ex-Officio Member
Village Liaison - Jennifer Henaghan

Tuesday, January 17, 2012

7:30 PM

Village Hall - Community Room

1.0 Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

President Rita Schneider called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

President Schneider led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2.0 Roll Call

Present 11 - Rita Schneider, Jack Jones, Patricia Poskocil, Marcy Novak, Brigitte O'Brien, Tami Urish, Tom Fetters, Leslie Sulla, Lyn Myers, Eileen Mueller, and Richard Anstee

Absent 1 - John Egan

Also present: Jennifer Henaghan, AICP, Senior Planner; and Karen Stonehouse, Lombard Town Center.

3.0 Approval of Minutes

On a motion made by Tom Fetters and seconded by Brigitte O'Brien, the minutes of the October 18, 2011 meeting were unanimously approved by the members present subject to one correction showing that Leslie Sulla attended the meeting and was not absent.

4.0 Public Participation

President Schneider announced the public participation would be allowed throughout the meeting as various topics were introduced.

5.0 New Business

120017

Landmark Presentation

Presentation from Catherine O'Connor of the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency.

Catherine O'Connor of the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency was unable to make it to Lombard. Jennifer Henaghan arranged a conference call for the Commissioners to speak with Ms. O'Connor. Several topics were discussed. Ms. O'Connor has reviewed the Village ordinances that pertain to historic designations. She also suggested ideas for including a new ordinance for historic districts. She believes that the best ordinances for historic districts include a percentage of the properties within the boundaries of the district that must meet historic criteria. She quickly reviewed the requirements to be a Certified Local Government and the commissioners still feel the program isn't a good fit for Lombard's preservation efforts. To identify potential historic districts she recommended completing a historic site/resources inventory. The inventory could be conducted by a professional consultant. The finished results should include photos, descriptions, current condition and a summary of the historic integrity of the building. Pat Poskocil knew that a survey was completed in the mid 1970s by Paul Sprage, a consultant. That survey will be located and should be used as a starting point for any new research. Catherine suggested that the first steps in completing a new survey would be to interview consultants to get their ideas on how much time it would take, fees and viability. She suggested a contact at the Chicago Art Institute that might be able to provide a team of students to conduct the survey resulting in a cost savings to the Commission. The IHPA has a list of qualified consultants. Catherine will send a copy of the list. She also offered the support of the IHPA to provide public outreach strategies, programs and materials. She also quickly reviewed some of the differences in the administration of tax benefits for business owners verses residential owners.

120018

2011 Annual Report

Review of the Historical Commission's 2011 Annual Report to the Village Board.

Commissioners reviewed the report prepared by President Schneider. The report highlights the wide range of business undertaken by the

Commission in the past year.

A motion was made by Tom Fetters, seconded by Patricia Poskocil, to approve the report. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.

6.0 Old Business

A. Finance - Richard Anstee

The Village is 60% of the way through the current budget cycle and to date the Society budget is 45% of the way through their budgeted expenses. Some of the gap is timing related due to major maintenance projects and staffing expenses related to Lilac time. Dick Anstee expects the budget to come in as projected. Network to Freedom signage for the Peck Homestead will come out of this year's budget.

The Commission and Society board members met with the Village on December 3 to work on the new budget. The 2013 budget is expected to be mostly flat, increasing only about 3.7%.

B. Local Landmarks - Tami Urish

The Local Landmark Committee has reviewed applications for historic designation of three additional properties in Lombard. The Committee has recommended that the designation for each of the properties be approved. One application was postponed from the July meeting pending the completion of construction on the residence. That application for 241 W. Maple was also reviewed and recommended.

110443

241 W. Maple Street

Request to discuss and provide a preliminary conclusion that the property at 241 W. Maple Street meets one or more of the criteria for designation as a landmark site. (DISTRICT #1)

A motion was made by Tom Fetters, seconded by Patricia Poskocil, that the application for Local Landmark Status on the property at 241 W. Maple Street (Chatfield Residence) be approved by the Commission and that a public hearing be scheduled. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.

110595

460 S. Main Street

Request to discuss and provide a preliminary conclusion that the abandoned cemetery at 460 S. Main Street meets one or more of the criteria for designation as a landmark site. (DISTRICT #6)

A motion was made by Patricia Poskocil, seconded by Tom Fetters, that the application for Local Landmark Status on the property at 460 S. Main Street (Lombard Cemetery) be approved by the Commission and that a public hearing be scheduled. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.

120020**215 S. Stewart**

Request to discuss and provide a preliminary conclusion that the property at 215 S. Stewart meets one or more of the criteria for designation as a landmark site. (DISTRICT #5)

A motion was made by Richard Anstee, seconded by Tom Fetters, that the application for Local Landmark Status on the property at 215 S. Stewart (Leffingwell-Gray Residence) be approved by the Commission and that a public hearing be scheduled. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.

120021**305 E. Morningside**

Request to discuss and provide a preliminary conclusion that the property at 305 E. Morningside meets one or more of the criteria for designation as a landmark site. (DISTRICT #5)

A motion was made by Tom Fetters, seconded by Eileen Mueller, that the application for Local Landmark Status on the property at 305 E. Morningside (Lustron home) be approved by the Commission and that a public hearing be scheduled. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.

By Village ordinance the hearing must be scheduled within 30 - 45 days. The hearing date is planned for Feb 13, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. The Commission will meet on Feb 23 to review the hearing results and forward their recommendation to the Village Board in time for the March board meeting.

C. Personnel - Pat Poskocil

The Personnel Committee, a joint Lombard Historical Society and Lombard Historical Commission Committee, met to review the new objectives for the Museum Director. The Director is responsible for conducting the reviews of the 3 part-time staff time members.

D. Ex-Officio Report - Leslie Sulla

Leslie Sulla submitted the Ex-Officio's report.

E. Lombard Cemetery

After several headstones have been damaged, the Commissioners discussed pursuing a new mowing service for the cemetery. Several retaining bricks along the south end of the Main Street sidewalk have also been dislodged. Tom Fetters will follow up with the Village on any necessary repairs.

F. National Register Work for Sheldon Peck Homestead

The deadline for the application review at the March 2012 meeting of the IHPA review committee may have been in December. If that is the case, the application for the Peck Homestead will be moved to the June meeting in Chicago.

All of the supporting material that was requested at the previous committee review in 2011 has been submitted including the architect and archeology reports.

The new wheelchair ramp at the Peck house is still progressing slowly. The final framing inspection was conducted and approved. The inspector recommended several steps for the final finishing that will be incorporated.

110437

Historic Preservation Award

Discussion regarding the creation of an annual Historic Preservation Award.

Rita Schneider and Lyn Myers will work on getting the award ready for spring if at all possible.

7.0 Planner's Report

None.

8.0 Adjournment

On a motion by Pat Poskocil and seconded by Brigitte O'Brien, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for Monday, February 13, at 7:30 p.m. in the Village Hall to review the Local Landmark requests.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on April 17, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

