



Village of Lombard

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Minutes

Lombard Historical Commission

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

Tuesday, April 21, 2015

7:30 PM

Village Hall - Community Room

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chairperson Schneider called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

Chairperson Schneider led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Present 9 - Rita Schneider, Jack Jones, Patricia Poskocil, Marcy Novak, Tom Fetters, Lyn Myers, Richard Anstee, Brigitte O'Brien, and Jennifer Henaghan
Absent 2 - Eileen Mueller, and Stephanie Zabela

Also present: Tami Urish, Planner I, Staff Liaison.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner O'Brien and seconded by Commissioner Anstee, to approve the minutes of the meeting on April 7, 2015 with no changes. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Public Participation

There were no members of the public present.

Chairman's Remarks

Chairperson Schneider reported that the Landmark Site designation for 101 W. St. Charles Road was approved by the Village Board of Trustees on April 16, 2015. The plaque to be mounted on the building was displayed.

Reports

A. Local Landmarks - Eileen Mueller

President Schneider reported in Commissioner Mueller's absence. The Survey Committee has put together a list of forty additional sites to be researched by Douglas Gilbert. The budget for this work is \$1,500.

B. Finance - Richard Anstee

Commissioner Anstee reported that the Commission is currently under the budget projections.

C. Personnel - Pat Poskocil

Commissioner Poskocil reported with the revised staff at the museum of two part time employees from the previous three, Lilac Time is expected to be a challenge.

D. Ex-Officio Report - Leslie Sulla

The Peck Letter Writing Awards presentation was held at the Peck House in March. The top letters were reprinted in the LHS newsletter, and the Lombardian featured the letters along with a nice photo of the winners and Brigitte O'Brien.

Nicole and Natalie attended the Tiara presentation in March and gave the Lilac Princesses the chance to try on the original Lilac Crown.

The Tribune, Suburban Life, Lombardian, Daily Herald provided excellent press coverage of the Lilac Crown loan to the Driehaus Museum. The Driehaus Museum staff also mentioned the crown with great photos on their Facebook page.

Squirrels in the Carriage House, Natalie is working with the Village to begin inspecting the Carriage House to see where the squirrels are coming in, eliminate the access points and hopefully fixing the problem with a permanent solution.

The LHS membership meeting is Saturday, April 25 at the Carriage House. Rita and Pat will discuss the journey to get the Peck

Homestead on the Network to Freedom.

A sneak peak was held for the Civil War Reenactment at the Cottage on April 1. Members of Stanford's Battery came with a cannon, a forge, and other items and interacted with the public.

Village Capital Campaign Loan, the Village was informed that the \$45,000 exhibit grant reimbursement from the state of Illinois is on hold, so LHS is unable to repay the village this month as planned. The Village understands the situation as they are affected by the funding situation as well.

Commissioner Novak asked if there is a potential contract conflict associated with work performed on the museums. Both President Schneider and Commissioner Anstee responded that most of the work on the museums is performed by the owner, the Village, and there is little chance of a conflict occurring.

E. Lombard Cemetery - Tom Fetters

Commissioner Fetters reported that the Committee has not convened recently. A mystery cleaner has been doing excellent work in the cemetery. Commissioner Myers volunteered to write a letter to the editor of the Lombardian to thank this individual(s) on behalf of the Commission. On May 2, a group of boy scouts are scheduled to arrive at 10 a.m. to clean the grounds. A 21 gun salute is planned for Memorial Day by the VFW at 2 p.m. Representatives of the VFW have discussed installing a plaque listing the interred veterans by war served in for the cemetery.

F. National Register Work for Sheldon Peck Homestead

Commissioners Schneider and Poskocil will be presenting the process at the Historical Society meeting on Saturday, April 25 at 9:30 a.m.

G. Heritage Award - Lyn Myers

Commissioner Myers plans to send a solicitation letter to the Village Trustees requesting a nomination from their district. Public outreach will include articles in the Lombard Pride, Lombard Historical Society's newsletter and Lombardian. Also, the application is available on the Village's website and will be included in the articles. Possible projects for nomination and potential judges were discussed by the Commissioners.

Planner's Report

Ms. Urish distributed copies of the revised power point program for local landmarks. Commissioner Poskocil suggested a voice over element for the program to be shown on Channel 6 and non-voice over for the screen display in the Village Hall lobby. Commissioner Myers volunteered to record the voice over element.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

New Business

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Discussion of Proposed Text Amendments

32.079 (E) (4) Remove the sentence "Interiors of buildings are only included when specifically designated in the siting ordinance." Add item number (5) to 32.079 (E) and add the sentence "Interiors of buildings are only included when specifically designated in the siting ordinance." to item number (5). This amendment is to further clarify Historical Commission's intention that landmark site designation is to apply to the exterior of buildings only unless specifically identified otherwise. Removal from the paragraph titled "Ordinary maintenance" is necessary due to the unintentional narrow interpretation of the placement of the sentence. (DISTRICTS - ALL)

The following proposed text amendment is to further clarify the Historical Commission's intention that land mark site designation is to apply to the exterior of buildings only unless specifically identified otherwise:

New Text ~~Deleted Text~~

Portion of Section 32.079 - Historical sites; designation and maintenance.

(E)(1) The Commission shall have the authority to review all proposed alterations, regardless of whether or not they require a building permit. Alterations shall be defined as any work that results in changes in the exterior form, shape, or appearance of a building designated as a "landmark site" which thereby destroys its original architectural integrity. No alterations will be made and no building permit issued in regard to property classified as a "landmark site" to any applicant without a certificate of appropriateness from the Historical Commission in the following instances:

(a) Where such permit would allow the alteration or

reconstruction of any building designated as a "landmark site";

- (b) Where such permit would allow the demolition of any building designated as a "landmark site", except that in the event of extensive damage because of fire, windstorm, or other natural causes, demolition shall be allowed upon the recommendation of the Building Commissioner;
- (c) Where such a permit would allow the construction or erection of any addition to a building designated as a "landmark site"; or
- (d) Where such permit would allow the erection of another building or buildings on property designated as a "landmark site."

(2) The Commission, in considering the appropriateness of any alteration, removal in part, new construction, reconstruction, restoration, remodeling, other modification of any building requiring a permit, shall consider among other things, the purpose of this subchapter, the historical and architectural value and significance of the "landmark site" or "landmark district", the exterior texture and/or material of the building or structure in question or its appurtenant fixtures, other buildings within a "landmark district", and the position of such building or structure in relation to the street or public way and to other buildings and structures.

(3) The Commission shall review an application for demolition and have the authority to delay said demolition for a period not to exceed six months, to enable the Commission to try to find a purchaser or alternate use for the building.

(4) Nothing in this subchapter shall be construed to prevent ordinary maintenance or repair of any exterior elements of any building or structure described as a "landmark site."

Repairs shall be defined as any work where the purpose and effect of the work is to replace damaged or defective portions of a structure with like materials, thereby retaining the original architectural integrity.

Ordinary maintenance shall be defined as any work for which a building permit is not required by law, where the purpose and effect of such work is to correct any deterioration, decay of, or damage to a structure or any part thereof and to restore the same, as nearly as may be practicable, to its condition prior to the occurrence of such deterioration, decay, or damage. ~~Interiors of buildings are only included when specifically designated in the siting ordinance.~~

(5) Interiors of buildings are only included when specifically designated in the siting ordinance.

Commissioner Henaghan made a motion to recommend to the Corporate Authorities approval of the proposed text amendment of Section 32.079 (E) as presented. Commissioner Poskocil seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion.

Adjournment

On a motion by Commissioner Myers and seconded by Commissioner Poskocil, and all were in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.