



Village of Lombard

Village Hall
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Minutes

Lombard Historical Commission

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

Tuesday, April 19, 2016

7:30 PM

Village Hall - Community Room

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

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

Chairperson Schneider led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Present 11 - Rita Schneider, Jack Jones, Patricia Poskocil, Marcy Novak, Tom Feters, Lyn Myers, Eileen Mueller, Richard Anstee, Brigitte O'Brien, Jennifer Henaghan, and Stephanie Zabela

Also present: Tami Urish, Planner I, Staff Liaison

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Mueller and seconded by Commissioner Feters, to approve the minutes of the meeting on January 26, 2016 with the following change: replace the sentence under C. Personnel with "Commissioner Poskocil reported that the personnel committee gathered information for the performance review of Executive Director Natalie Troiani from the LHS Board." The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Public Participation

There were no members of the public present.

Chairman's Remarks

Reports

A. Local Landmarks - Eileen Mueller

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Chicago, Aurora and Elgin Railroad/ Prairie Path

Discussion relative to Commemorative Signage.

Commissioner Mueller reported that committee members have made progress and distributed updated copies and referred to the scaled versions pinned to the wall to illustrate the actual size. The committee chose the solid background with the lilac border on the sides. Commissioner Myers asked what the two names of the railway meant. Commissioner Mueller explained that the railway was known as slightly different names throughout the years in operation however the committee decided at the meeting just prior to the Commission meeting to remove this sentence and replace it with the commonly known name and the explanation of the name changes can be included on the website. Commissioner Mueller then explained the social media and website component on the signs.

On a motion by Commissioner O'Brien and seconded by Commissioner Anstee, the Historical Commission voted 11-0 to accept the recommendation of the Local landmarks Committee for the four signs to be installed along the Illinois Prairie Path commemorating the Aurora, Elgin and Chicago Railway's history.

B. Finance - Richard Anstee

Commissioner Anstee reported that \$45,000 of the grant was received from the State of Illinois. The first quarter spending is on track. The new executive director, Sarah Richardt, discussed alternatives in staffing and the impact on the budget.

C. Personnel - Pat Poskocil

Commissioner Poskocil reported that a new executive director, Sarah Richardt, has been hired by the Historical Society.

D. Ex-Officio Report - Jennifer Henaghan

Commissioner Henaghan reported that the new Executive Director, Sarah Richardt, is to start on April 28th. A new exhibit, "Lovely Ladies of Lilac time" is on display at the Carriage House with dresses on loan from previous Lilac princesses and queens. Lilac tours are to begin April 30. A VFW program "Know Your Flag" is scheduled for Memorial Day weekend at the Lombard Cemetery. An Ice Cream Social is

tentatively scheduled for Sunday, June 26th at the Victorian Cottage. The Civil War Reenactment is planned for July 22 through July 24th. Commissioner Myers inquired if a garden keeper had volunteered for the Peck House. Commissioner Poskocil stated that Karen Briton from the Lombard Garden Club has volunteered and is currently looking for the garden plans. Commissioner Myers volunteered to assist Karen and hopes to have bees from her hive to donate in the future.

E. Lombard Cemetery - Tom Fetters

Commissioner Fetters reported that a cemetery cleanup is scheduled for April 24th from 12:00 p.m. to 4 p.m. Participants are asked to bring their own tools. On May 28th, the VFW is planning "Know your Flag" program that is to demonstrate how to fold flags, and a history of the US flag and mini tours of veterans' graves.

F. National Register Work for Sheldon Peck Homestead

Commissioner Poskocil reported that Jean Follet would be available to pick up where she left off for the Sheldon Peck Homestead's application in 2017. It is anticipated that a National Register application for Lilacia Park will be forthcoming as well as an application for local landmarks status.

G. Heritage Award - Lyn Myers

*Commissioner Myers reported that the application for the award has been updated for 2016 and an article appeared in the April/May issue of the *Pride*. The deadline was changed to June 3, 2016 so that the applications could be reviewed prior to the Historical Commission's regularly scheduled July meeting.*

Commissioner Myers suggested that perhaps nominations could be fine tuned and the time period could be expanded. Commissioners should not be the only individuals nominating submittals. Commissioner Myers plans to contact the Village Trustees again with any suggestions for nominations.

H. Historical Survey, Part 2

Chairperson Schneider reported that Douglas Gilbert will be sending corrections that were discussed with him for the 2015 survey. A

survey for 2016 is planned as well as a survey in 2017.

Planner's Report

Unfinished Business

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Certified Local Government (CLG)

Discussion relative to applying for Certified Local Government status. (DISTRICTS - ALL)

Chairperson Schneider distributed copies of research compiled from other municipalities by Commissioner Zabela. Chairperson Schneider reviewed some of the grants available through the program that are funded by the federal government and not the state. The four basic criteria required for the application, the Commission already has in place. The deadline for grants is in February 2017. Commissioner Zabela reviewed the materials she had researched. Each Commissioner is required to submit a resume as part of the application. An interest in preservation would be the minimum requirement for commissioners. Chairperson Schneider stated the certified local government status applies to historic commissions only and not the municipality as a whole.

On a motion by Commissioner Myers and seconded by Commissioner Poskocil, the Historical Commission voted 11-0 to continue reviewing the Certified Local Government materials and form an opinion by the next regularly scheduled meeting in July.

New Business

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Commission Name Change

Discussion relative to changing the name of the Lombard Historical Commission. (DISTRICTS - ALL)

Chairperson Schneider stated that she had reviewed the list of the certified local government's historical commissions' titles within the Chicago metropolitan area. According to this survey, 58 of the 79 commissions have the word "preservation" in the title. Chairperson Schneider distributed copies of a memo sent to staff outlining the reasons for the change. Chairperson Schneider stated that in addition to joining the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions (NAPC) as voted on at the last meeting, Lombard Historical Commission joined the Illinois Alliance of Preservation Commissions.

On a motion by Commissioner Fetters and a second by Commissioner

Henaghan, the Historical Commission voted 11-0 to change the name of the Lombard Historical Commission to the Lombard Historic Preservation Commission.

Staff was directed to draft an ordinance for the name change to be submitted to the Village Board of Trustees' next available meeting agenda for their consideration.

Adjournment

On a motion by Commissioner Poskocil and seconded by Commissioner Feters, and all were in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.