

**VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

March 23, 2017

A meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was held on March 23, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Second Floor Conference Room at the River Forest Village Hall, 400 Park Avenue.

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. Upon roll call, the following persons were:

Present: Chairman Zurowski, Commissioners Franek, Graham-White, Prestes, and Raino-Ogden

Absent: Commissioner Popowits and Pritz

Also Present: Management Analyst Jon Pape

II. PUBLIC TESTIMONY

No public testimony was heard.

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

No comments were heard in regards to the February 16, 2017 meeting minutes.

A MOTION was made by Commissioner Franek and SECONDED by Commissioner Graham-White to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2017 Historic Preservation Commission meeting.

AYES: Chairman Zurowski, Commissioners Franek, Graham-White, Prestes, and Raino-Ogden

NAYS: None.

Motion Passes.

IV. CONSIDERATION OF HISTORIC PROPERTY MODIFICATIONS AND APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS

No applications were heard.

Commissioner Raino-Ogden advised the Commission that the Window Review Subcommittee did review one application for 7314 Oak to replace two windows and add a door on the porch located at the southeast corner of the property. He stated that they matched the existing color and frame in a way that was very appropriate to the structure. The subcommittee issued a certificate of appropriateness for 7314 Oak.

V. REVIEW OF ONGOING COMMISSIONER ASSIGNMENTS

Chairman Zurowski asked the Commission to proceed to agenda item VI.

VI. DISCUSSION REGARDING PROPOSED RIVER FOREST HISTORIC PRESERVATION MAP

Commissioner Franek stated that he found a brochure from Riverside that did not include a map but did have a more significant blurb about each property. He noted that this was a good example of how a brochure could be organized differently.

Chairman Zurowski stated that he reviewed the list of suggestions that were submitted by the Commissioners as to what homes should be included on the map. He estimated that about twenty seven homes received multiple votes. He began by discussing the homes receiving the most votes, including those that were voted on by all Commissioners. Chairman Zurowski continued by listing the homes based on how many Commissioners submitted that they felt the property should be included. Further, Chairman Zurowski shared what architects were included based on this list.

A discussion was had regarding other properties outside of this group that may be reconsidered, including those of institutional or historical significance and those from different architects and from different time periods. The importance of the balance throughout the list was discussed. The organization of the different notations for structures and architects on the maps was detailed. This included the possibility of numbering the homes, using different colors and fonts to express the variety, and organizing a “walking tour”.

The Commission turned to finalizing a draft of the homes that would have brief summaries and pictures included with them, targeting thirty homes for this purpose. Some Commissioners expressed their opinion that the Commission should be careful not to include too many structures as to avoid diluting the importance of other homes. Other considerations were made for what nonresidential buildings should be included.

The Commission read through each property that was to be included with a picture and brief summary one by one. Pictures of some of the properties were called up for everyone to view and serve as an aid in the discussion. This process was used to form the draft list of content for the historic map. In total thirty-three properties were chosen to be compiled and re-reviewed at the next meeting. Management Analyst Jon Pape agreed to compile a document with the draft list including labeling information and pictures from the historic survey.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

The Commission briefly discussed the annual Historic Preservation awards. Commissioner Franek noted a property on Lathrop just north of Chicago, on the west side. He stated that it was a large brick home with a new homeowner that has done a nice job replacing windows and working on landscaping that he thought may be worthy of a nomination. Chairman Zurowski also proposed that the Historic Preservation Commission ask the Village’s Building Department for suggestions of

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nominations. Commissioner Graham-White suggested a property on the west side of the 500 or 600 block of Park, a small one story house that has added a nice addition.

Management Analyst Jon Pape noted that the award application would be finalized and published. Additionally, he informed the Commission that the team redesigning the Village's website is ready to speak with the Commission. The Commission agreed to welcome the redesign team at the April meeting.

The next regularly scheduled meeting for the Historic Preservation Commission would be April 27, 2017. The Commission agreed to confirm this meeting at a later date.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made by Commissioner Franek and SECONDED by Commissioner Prestes to adjourn the March 23, 2017 meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission at 8:14 p.m.

AYES: Chairman Zurowski, Commissioners Franek, Graham-White, Prestes, and Raino-Ogden

NAYS: None.

Motion Passes.

Respectfully submitted:

Jonathan Pape
Management Analyst

Approved:

Tom Zurowski, Chairman
Historic Preservation Commission

Date