

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

February 16, 2017

A meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was held on February 16, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room at the River Forest Village Hall, 400 Park Avenue.

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. Upon roll call, the following persons were:

Present: Chairman Zurowski, Commissioners Franek, Pritz, Graham-White

Absent: Commissioner Popowits, Prestes, and Raino-Ogden

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 January 26, 2017 meeting minutes.

A MOTION was made by Commissioner Franek and SECONDED by Commissioner Graham-White to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2017 Historic Preservation Commission meeting.

AYES: Chairman Zurowski, Commissioners Franek, Pritz, Graham-White

NAYS: None.

Motion Passes.

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

A. 7800 AUGUSTA – ADDITION

Lance Shalzi, Airoom Architects, spoke on behalf of the application for 7800 Augusta. He stated that he brought the Commission's recommendations back to the homeowner. Mr. Shalzi presented new plans that incorporated all of the recommendations. Changes included additional limestone accents and other details.

The Commission responded positively stating that they felt the plans looked great.

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Management Analyst Jon Pape noted that Airoom has not yet resubmitted the final drawings to the building department but that the applicant was still able to present to the Commission. Management Analyst Pape stated that the Commission could approve the drawings contingent on a final review when the drawings are submitted to the building department.

The Commission thanked Mr. Shalzi for his efforts.

A MOTION was made by Commissioner Franek and SECONDED by Commissioner Graham-White to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness for the addition at 7800 Augusta contingent on final review by the Chairman.

AYES: Chairman Zurowski, Commissioners Franek, Pritz, Graham-White

NAYS: None.

Motion Passes.

V. REVIEW OF ONGOING COMMISSIONER ASSIGNMENTS

Commissioner Graham-White stated that there are currently six significant properties for sale. She noted that they have all been on the market for some time.

A conversation was had in regards to 520 Forest. Management Analyst Pape note that no demolition interests had been heard recently but that one potential buyer did inquire to the building department in regards to a preservation effort.

Management Analyst noted that the Village Board was moving forward with new communications efforts including a Website redesign. Chairman Zurowski stated that the Commission would like to have input on their portion of the website including an updated page layout.

Commissioner Franek noted that in the Building and Zoning report for January 2017, he saw a sharp increase in the number of demolitions in 2017 compared to 2015 and 2016.

Management Analyst Pape shared on behalf of Commissioner Raino-Ogden that he was working with the 700 block of William to design lampposts to commemorate their historic anniversary. He has sent these out for pricing. Commissioner Raino-Ogden also communicated that he was meeting with a window provider regarding the Village's pump house.

Management Analyst Pape updated that the school district is still planning to have a home for one of the art-deco Washington panels, but that the other was still seeking a home.

VI. DISCUSSION REGARDING PROPOSED RIVER FOREST HISTORIC PRESERVATION MAP

Commissioner Pritz discussed his process of choosing properties to include on the map. He noted that he was also reading through the report to research the properties. Commissioner Pritz stated

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that he felt that his selections and criteria were similar to others. He also discussed the types of criteria he included as well as the purpose of the final product itself.

Chairman Zurowski stated that he also is considering the possibilities of someone not wanting their home to be on the list. The Commission discussed the plan to choose the homes, and then notify the homeowners as a courtesy.

The Commission discussed their strategy for noting all of the homes that were built and designed by specific persons. Commissioner Franek noted that the beginning of this process was the discussion of the similar Maywood map that provided an overview of historic houses is that Village.

The Commission again discussed their preferences with the homes to be included and the criteria to be specifically noted on the map. The Commission agreed that it would be helpful to have lots colored by architect. Age of building, public vs private buildings, historic status, and style were also discussed to create a balance of significant properties. The possibility of including additional information online was discussed.

The Commission noted that they would use the maps developed from the survey and possibly use Lakota Group as a resource to assist with the labeling process. Late spring was identified as a target completion date.

Chairman Zurowski stated that he would like to finalize any input from Commissioners before the next meeting.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

The next regularly scheduled meeting for the Historic Preservation Commission would be March 23, 2017. Commissioner Pritz noted that he would not be able to attend that night. Management Analyst Pape said he would follow up on scheduling and availability via email.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made by Commissioner Franek and SECONDED by Commissioner Pritz to adjourn the February 16, 2017 meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission at 7:59 p.m.

AYES: Chairman Zurowski, Commissioners Franek, Pritz, Graham-White

NAYS: None.

Motion Passes.

Respectfully submitted:

Jonathan Pape
Management Analyst

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Approved:

Tom Zurowski, Chairman
Historic Preservation Commission

Date