

**VILLAGE OF HUNTLEY
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, February 21, 2017
MINUTES**

5 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Donna Britton called to order the regularly scheduled meeting of the Village of Huntley Historic Preservation Commission for Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at 6:01 pm in the Village Board Room, located at 10987 Main Street, Huntley, Illinois 60142. The room is handicap accessible.

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2. ROLL CALL - ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Karen Langhenry, Deb Waters, Geri Rizzo,
Vice Chair Lonni Oldham and Chairperson Donna Britton

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MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner Diana Carpenter

ALSO PRESENT: Director of Development Services Charles Nordman, Planner James Williams and
Former Historic Preservation Commissioner Jake Marino

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3. PUBLIC COMMENTS None.

4. Approval of Minutes

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- A. **A MOTION was made to approve the January 17, 2017 Historic Preservation Commission meeting minutes with the following changes:**

Page 3, Lines 50-52, add “• Brick decorating contest”, “• Mayoral Proclamation” and “• Presentation of the history of the Woodstock Street brick installation”

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MOVED: Commissioner Waters

SECONDED: Commissioner Rizzo

**AYES: Commissioners Langhenry, Rizzo and Waters, Vice-Chair Oldham and
Chairperson Britton**

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NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

MOTION CARRIED 5:0:0

5. Old Business

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- A. Site Documentation - Kelley House - 11708 Coral Street

Director Nordman stated that the 02/23/17 Village Board meeting includes consideration of bids for the demolition of the 11708 Coral Street property with demolition of the structure tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, March 7, 2017.

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Director Nordman noted the 02/23/17 Village Board meeting also includes beginning the negotiations with BBQ King Smokehouse for construction of a building on the 11708 Coral Street-site.

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Jake Marino addressed the Historic Preservation Commission to recall his inspection of the 11708 Coral Street performed on Friday, January 20th. Mr. Marino noted that the majority of the structure's interior had been modernized most likely in the 1960s but small details of the building's original construction remained including evidence of stairs running between the first and second floors.

Chairperson Britton inquired as to the condition of the building's basement and if there were any large wooden beams and Mr. Marino noted that he could not recall whether there were any wooden beams but noted that the basement had a dirt floor with stone foundation walls.

5 Commissioner Langhenry asked if there was anything worth salvaging and Mr. Marino noted that with the exception of wood trim there was little of the historic significance within the structure worth salvaging.

10 Chairperson Britton and Vice-Chair Oldham agreed to e-mail to Mr. Marino the building inventory checklists previously used to document other downtown structures.

Chairperson Britton asked Staff if there was any information regarding the status of the properties at 11624 Main Street and 11006 Church Street.

15 Director Nordman stated that the Village's Development Services Department has fielded inquiries from demolition contractors regarding 11624 Main Street but noted that no permits for the demolition of the site have been issued. Director Nordman also noted that property at 11006 Church Street has recently been used to stage training exercises for the McHenry County Sheriff's Department and the Huntley Fire Protection District.

20 Chairperson Britton suggested pursuing inventory of both sites and suggested that local realtor Tom Jurs may provide a contact with the First Congregational Church.

25 Commissioner Langhenry noted that she may be able to find a contact with Trinity Lutheran Church, current owner of the 11006 Church Street property.

Vice-Chair Oldham noted that a representative with McHenry County Historical Society has suggested saving portions of the building façade of a razed structure in order incorporate these features into a new building.

30 B. Woodstock Street – Brick Portion – 100 year commemoration ceremony – May 6, 2017

Vice-Chair Oldham distributed the narrative she drafted about the history of the Woodstock Street bricks and an outline of the May 6th event commemorating the 100-year anniversary.

35 Vice Chair Oldham noted that she will continue to research the history behind the Woodstock Street brick project and Chairperson Britton suggested that any information compiled as part of the grant application in the late 1990's may also provide some valuable history about the project.

Vice Chair Oldham reviewed other program elements planned for the Saturday, May 6, 2017 event.

40 C. Second Street Historic District

45 Chairperson Britton recalled that the latest discussion regarding landmarking and historic district designation along Second Street included contacting individual property owners to gauge their interest and provide any information that may assist with designations of their properties.

Chairperson Britton noted that the Huntley Historic Society has begun planning a program referred to as Cross Town Classics to be held on Saturday, June 17, 2017. The history of Second Street and West Main Street properties would be celebrated.

50 6. New Business

D. Second Street Stroll – October, 2017

Chairperson Britton recalled that previous discussion regarding the proposed event included scheduling it on either Saturday, October 7th or October 14th.

5 Vice-Chair Oldham noted that Saturday, October 7th is the Farmer's Market Craft Fair.

Chairperson Britton suggested making the final decision on whether to hold the Second Street Stroll at the March meeting based upon the Farmer's Market themes, Huntley Homecoming, and the availability of actors.

10 5. Old Business

D. Pride in Preservation Nominee(s)

15 Discussion ensued resulting in the decision to mail out nomination letters to the owners of the following six (6) property owners and schedule presentations either in April or September, 2017:

- 11600 Second Street
- 11105 Church Street
- 11110 Church Street
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- 11498 Grove Street
- 11120 Church Street

25 *Certificate of Appreciation Awards – Historic Displays / Historic Restoration*

Chairperson Britton recalled that three (3) awards were distributed in each of the two (2) categories (Historic Displays and Historic Restoration) at the Saturday, September 10, 2016 Farmer's Market.

30 Chairperson Britton suggested "Historic Restoration" certificates could be awarded to Town Center Realty for the restoration work performed on their building at the northeast corner of Woodstock and Main Streets and/or the 11808 Main Street building which recently became home to Manny's Gelato.

6. New Business

35 B. Farmer's Market – Saturday, May 27, 2017

40 Discussion ensued regarding activities to be included at the May 27th event including the Huntley Historical Society membership drive, distribution of walking tour and historic literature and display of decorated bricks from the May 6th Woodstock Street – 100 Year Commemoration event.

A. Catty Property – 11117 Church Street

45 Director Nordman stated that the Village owns the subject property and the Village has begun work to secure the building and clean-up the grounds.

Vice-Chair Oldham suggested survey/inventory of the subject property and Director Nordman suggested waiting until late spring to allow time for the Village's work to secure the site to be completed.

50 C. Event Highlighting Historic Schools/Formal School Sites – August, 2017

Chairperson Britton noted that the Huntley Historic Society is currently considering an event this July highlighting the Huntley Apartment Building at 11624 Main Street and suggested that we “table” consideration of a separate event highlighting the history of Huntley area schools until the March meeting.

5 Belvidere Historic Preservation Commission informational meeting – February 3, 2017

Chairperson Britton noted that while no members Commission were able to attend the February 3rd event she has been in contact with the City Planner in Belvidere. The City Planner provided a description of their historic preservation programs and noted that Belvidere is a Certified Local Government.

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7. Adjournment

At 8:20 p.m., A MOTION was made by Commissioner Rizzo to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Vice Chair Oldham. Motion carried unanimously.

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Respectfully submitted,

James Williams

Planner

Village of Huntley