

**VILLAGE OF HUNTLEY
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, January 21, 2020
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, January 21, 2020 at 4:00 pm in the Village Hall – Village Board Conference Room C107, located at 10987 Main Street, Huntley, Illinois 60142. The room is handicap accessible.

2. ROLL CALL - ATTENDANCE

15 MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Keith Mallegni, Geri Rizzo, Deb Waters, Vice Chair Lonni Oldham, and Chairperson Donna Britton. Commissioner Natkins arrived at 4:10 pm.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

20 ALSO PRESENT: Director of Development Services Charles Nordman and Development Manager Margo Griffin

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS None.

25 4. Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of the December 17, 2019 Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

30 Chairperson Britton clarified that “Signs Now” should be “Fast Signs”. Director Nordman stated that was correct.

A MOTION was made to approve December 17, 2019 Historic Preservation Commission meeting minutes as modified.

35 **MOVED: Commissioner Rizzo**
SECONDED: Commissioner Mallegni
AYES: Commissioners Mallegni, Rizzo, Waters, and Vice Chair Oldham
NAYS: None
40 **ABSTAIN: Chairperson Britton**
MOTION CARRIED 4:0:1

Commissioner Natkins arrived at 4:10 pm.

45 5. Old Business

A. Discuss Signage for Artifacts in Town Square

Commissioner Mallegni stated he received an estimate from Fast Signs for 8 inch by 12 inch bronze plaques. He explained that each plaque would cost \$433.94 for a total price of \$1,301.82.

5 Director Nordman stated the total price of the plaques exceeded the commission's budget. Director Nordman explained he would need to investigate other funding options for the project.

10 Director Nordman asked if the plaques could be made slightly smaller in an attempt to reduce cost. Discussion ensued regarding the size of the plaques. It was the consensus that the plaques could be slightly smaller than originally proposed.

Director Nordman stated he would reach out to Fast Signs about the design of the signs.

B. Local History Month 2020

15 i. Pride in Preservation Nominations and Reunion

20 Chairperson Britton asked if there were any suggestions for Pride in Preservation nominations. It was suggested that the commission consider the home at the northeast corner of Mill Street and Grove Street. Director Nordman stated that home has been under construction and is now on the market for sale. It was the consensus to not nominate the home at this time due to it being on the market for sale.

25 Chairperson recommended that the commission consider nominating 10805 Woodstock Street, however, it was believed that the house had been previously nominated. Director Nordman stated he would provide the list of previously nominated homes at the next meeting.

Chairperson Britton asked the commissioners to look at homes prior to next month's meeting so the commission could discuss which homes to nominate.

30 ii. Certificates of Appreciation

Chairperson Britton asked when would be an appropriate time to give out the certificates of appreciation. She explained that it is difficult to do it at a farmers market due to the size of the venue. Chairperson Britton suggested it be done at a Village Board meeting in May.

35 iii. Other Events

40 Discussion ensued regarding May is Local History Month events and special projects that are being completed for the month. Commissioner Rizzo explained she has been working on a coloring book as part of the Huntley Historical Alliance and that it could be handed out at the events. She further explained that she is currently looking for sponsors for it.

45 Commissioner Waters explained that work is underway on the posters for the buildings in the Square. Director Nordman stated the Village has a laminator that could be used for the posters. It was the consensus that the posters would be 11 inches by 17 in size.

C. Certified Local Government

Director Nordman stated he has been in communication with the Certified Local Governments Program Coordinator with the State of Illinois Historic Preservation Office. Director Nordman explained that the

coordinator has reviewed the Village's Historic Preservation Ordinance and said the ordinance looks good, although they'd prefer that an owner not have the ability to stop a designation. Director Nordman stated that the coordinator further explained that having the provision that an owner could stop a designation is not a disqualifier for Certified Local Government.

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6. New Business

A. Catty Property Update

10 Director Nordman stated the Village is working with a group named Landmark 11117, LLC to redevelopment the Catty Property. He explained that they have presented a preliminary plan that would convert the existing building for the following uses:

- 15 • Industrial Event Space
- Boutique Lodging
- Craft Cocktail Bar
- Food and Beverage Tenant
- Business Incubation
- Civic Flex Space
- 20 • Corporate Office Headquarters

Director Nordman further explained that the project would be tied to the passenger rail project to bring AMTRAK service to the Village. He explained that the project is early in the process and the Village Board has authorized staff to begin negotiations to enter into a Redevelopment Agreement with Landmark 11117, LLC.

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Director Nordman stated he would keep the commission updated as the project progresses.

Chairperson Britton inquired about the timing of landmarking the Village Square. Director Nordman stated that it is anticipated that Village Board will consider the request to complete a landmark application at their February 13th meeting.

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B. Discuss Fall 2020 Program

35 Discussion ensued regarding a potential date for the Pride in Preservation Reunion. It was decided that April 18th would be the best date due to Easter being the weekend prior. It was also decided that donuts, coffee, and milk would be served at the event.

Commissioner Mallegni stated he would speak with the Legion about the cost for renting the space.

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7. Adjournment

At 5:43 p.m., a MOTION was made by Commissioner Waters to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Commissioner Rizzo. Motion carried unanimously.

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Respectfully submitted,

Charles Nordman

Director of Development Services

Village of Huntley