

Village of Oswego
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, March 22, 2023

Village Hall – Board Room
100 Parkers Mill, Oswego, Illinois 60543

1. CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Oswego Historic Preservation Commission was called to order at 7:02 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Commissioners Zentner, Terrazas, George, Olson, and Barrow
Members Absent: None
Others Present: Valeria Tarka

3. MINUTES – Approval Of Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Zentner and seconded by Commissioner Terrazas to approve the minutes from the January 25, 2023 meeting.

Aye: Commissioners Zentner, Terrazas, George
Nay: None
Abstain: Commissioners Olson, Barrow
Absent: None

The motion carried (approved 3-0).

4. PUBLIC FORUM

No residents in attendance.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Certificate of Appropriateness (COA)- 72 Polk Street, Little White School Museum

Ms. Tarka gave a brief presentation explaining the requirements for the COA and the proposal at the Little White School Museum to add an exterior ramp and new door to the Local Landmark at 72 Polk Street. In addition, Ms. Tarka added that Staff was informed after the Staff Report was published that the decking color would be ‘Pebble Grey’, not white based upon the limitations of the standard colors for the composite decking. Commissioner Olson stated that as proposed, the exterior ramp would not change architecture and civic history of the Local Landmark. Commission Terrazas inquired if the new door would be in-kind in style to the existing door. Nathaniel Cox, from Cordogan Clark, the consultant for the project, stated that the new door will have windows but will match the style of the existing front door facing the corner of Polk Street and Jackson Street. Commissioner George inquired why the Park District is requesting the exterior ramp. Mr. Cox stated that the internal chair lift at the Little White School Museum no longer adequately serves the public and that adding the exterior ramp could better serve the needs of those who require ADA access to the building.

Motion

A motion was made by Commissioner Zentner and seconded by Commissioner Olson to approve the request for a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA), to allow for the addition of an exterior ramp and replacement of an exterior door for the Local Landmark, Little White School Museum, at 72 Polk Street, subject to:

- a. Change of decking color to “Pebble Grey”

Aye: Zentner, Terrazas, George, Olson, and Barrow
Nay: None
Absent: None
Motion carried (5-0)

5. OLD BUSINESS

a. Honorary Street Names

i. *Review of Policy and Application*

Chairperson George went through the draft Honorary Street Name policy and application. The draft policy and application is based off previous discussions the Commission had on the topic. The Commission discussed the general process and edits to the policy and application. The Commission will review an updated draft policy and agenda during the following HPC meeting.

b. Historic Preservation Month Activity

Ms. Tarka reviewed the progress for the DOHD Walking Tour and reminded the Commissioners to mark the date on their calendar for Sunday May 21, 2023 from 11AM-1PM. Ms. Tarka stated that the Walking Tour has a page on the Village website, a sign-up link, and is added to the Village calendar. In addition, there is a marketing plan in place for the event in hopes of attracting more people to come to the event. Ms. Tarka discussed with the Commissioners on the ways that they can assist in the planning and running the event. The Commissioners volunteered to reach out to business owners and be speakers during the event.

c. Downtown Oswego Historic District (DOHD)

Ms. Tarka stated that she received an updated quote and that they could review the quotes more in detail during the next meeting.

7. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chairperson George thanked everyone for coming out to the Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission meeting in February and thanked Ms. Tarka for presenting information on the DOHD.

8. REPORTS

a. Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Zentner inquired about receiving an updated HPC Roster with names and emails. Commissioner Terrazas asked if the Commissioner's names could be placed on the Village Website. Ms. Tarka stated they could be added to the HPC webpage.

b. Oswegoland Park District Report / Oswego Heritage Association Report

No Report

c. Development Services Report

Ms. Tarka stated that she would be out of town for the next HPC meeting scheduled for April 26, 2023. The Commissioners agreed to cancel the HPC meeting scheduled for April 26, 2023 and host a Special HPC meeting on Wednesday, May 3, 2023 at 7PM.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairperson George stated that he will be out of town for the August 23rd HPC meeting.

10. NEXT MEETING- Wednesday, May 3, 2023

11. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Zentner, second Commissioner Olson adjourned the meeting at 9:03 pm.

Valeria Tarka

Valeria Tarka, Secretary