

Village of Oswego
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, August 25, 2021

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Oswego Historic Preservation Commission was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Commissioners Peshia, Schomer, Terrazas, George, Langguth

Members Absent: Commissioner Dunn and Hudson

Others Present: Natalie Zine

3. MINUTES – Approval October Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Langguth and seconded by Commissioner George to approve the minutes from July 28, 2021.

Aye: Chairperson Schomer, Commissioners Peshia, Terrazas, George, Langguth

Nay: None

Absent: Commissioners Dunn and Hudson

The motion carried (approved 5-0).

4. PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. Bob Hartman was present at the meeting. He spoke about his house at 5 E Van Buren and told the commission he would be interested in any information they could provide.

5. OLD BUSINESS

None

6. NEW BUSINESS

a) Confirm roster information is correct

The Commissioners confirmed their contact information was correct.

b) Write up short bios for all HPC commissioners

The Commissioners agreed to email the bios to staff.

c) Discuss topics for Quarterly Newsletter articles

The Commission discussed various topics for upcoming newsletters. They agreed to four potential topics including 1) “Meet the HPC Commissioners” bios about the commissioners 2) CLG Historic Preservation Grant Awarded and what is a National Historic District 3) A celebration of 100 Year Homes and 4) Historically Significant Homes and the National Register process.

d) Discuss education and outreach ideas

The commissioners discussed various ideas for education and outreach programs. They indicated interest in involving the local schools and doing something with students; they talked about potentially doing something with kids for National Preservation Month. They also discussed doing a tour of downtown. The group needs to determine the age group, tour guide, and potential partners like the Park District or Library. Commissioner George offered to gather some information.

e) Review the annual HPC Budget

The Commission reviewed the annual budget. The Commission receives \$1,000 annually and to date has not spent any money yet.

f) Review HPC Strategic Plan and identify goals for 2022

The Commission agreed to table this discussion until the next meeting.

g) Approve purchase of new name tags

A motion was made by Commissioner Langguth and seconded by Commissioner Peshia to approve the purchase of HPC name tags at a cost not to exceed \$60.00.

Aye: Chairperson Schomer, Commissioners Peshia, Terrazas, George, Langguth

Nay: None

Absent: Commissioners Dunn and Hudson

The motion carried (approved 5-0).

h) Approve purchase of new name plates

A motion was made by Commissioner Langguth and seconded by Chairperson Schomer to decline the purchase of HPC name plates at a cost not to exceed \$60.00.

Aye: Chairperson Schomer, Commissioners Peshia, Terrazas, George, Langguth

Nay: None

Absent: Commissioners Dunn and Hudson

The motion carried (approved 5-0).

i) Approve purchase of National Trust for Historic Preservation memberships/ Preservation Magazine subscriptions

The Commission agreed to table this decision until the next meeting.

j) Approve purchase of Illinois Heritage Association memberships

The Commission agreed to table this decision until the next meeting.

k) Take group photo

The group took a photo.

7. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chairperson Schomer indicated that the Commission needed an Acting Chairperson and asked staff to look into the correct way to designate one.

8. REPORTS

a. Commissioner's Report

Commissioner George told the group that he talked to his neighbors recently about historic preservation and also directed them to the website. Commissioner Peshia had no report. Commissioner Terrazas talked about the Oswego cemeteries restoration project by the township. Commissioner Langguth discussed the Kendall County Historic Preservation meeting he attended on August 16th.

b. Community Development Report

Staff reminded the Commissioners that OMA training is required to be done within 90 days of appointment. Staff also talked about the CLG Grant and their presentation to the Village Board. And staff relayed a request by a resident to look into the Old Harvey Schoolhouse.

c. Oswegoland Park District Report / Oswego Heritage Association Report

None

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Happy Birthday Commissioner George!

10. NEXT MEETING – Wednesday, September 22, 2021

11. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Langguth, second Commissioner George adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Natalie Zine

Natalie Zine, Secretary