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**Village of Oswego
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

October 25, 2023 at 7:00 PM

**Location: Community Room, Oswego Village Hall,
100 Parkers Mill, Oswego, Illinois**

1. CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Oswego Historic Preservation Commission was called to order at 7:04 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Commissioners Zentner, Terrazas, Schwarz, Murray
Members Absent: Commissioners George, Barrow
Others Present: Rachel Riemenschneider

3. MINUTES – Approve Minutes for September 27, 2023.

A motion was made by Commissioner Zentner and seconded by Commissioner Terrazas to approve the minutes from the September 27, 2023 meeting with no changes.

AYES: Zentner, Terrazas, Schwarz, Murray

NAYS: None

ABSTAINS: None

Motion carried.

4. PUBLIC FORUM – None; no members of the public were present at the meeting.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Downtown Oswego Historic District (DOHD)
 - i. Proposed location(s)

Commissioners discussed the proposed locations at the southern corner of W Washington Street and S Main Street (in front of Bentley's Pet Stuff). They expressed that they would prefer a sign at the corner of W Jackson Street and S Main Street, near the vacant lot. Ms. Riemenschneider agreed to review possible locations for a sign with the Village Engineer and bring the locations back for consideration at the next meeting.

- b. Harvey One-Room Schoolhouse sign update

Ms. Riemenschneider indicated that she has reached out to a sign company to get

several options for signs and costs but has not heard back yet. Commissioners agreed that this sign will set the tone for future similar signage – for other one-room schoolhouse sites or additional historical locations – and would like to have a better sense of their options.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Honorary Street Name application: Justice Rita Garman
Commissioners discussed the application, which had been prepared previously by Commissioner Zentner. Commissioner Zentner discussed the possible locations for the Honorary Street Sign and Commissioners generally agreed that the location at Franklin and Route 71 would be most visible while also being close to where Justice Garman lived and attended school.

Commissioner Zentner made a motion to forward a positive recommendation to the Village Board for an Honorary Street named after Justice Rita Garman located at Franklin St and Route 71, location subject to Village Engineer approval.
Motion seconded by Commissioner Murray

AYES: Zentner, Terrazas, Schwarz, Murray
NAYS: None
ABSTAINS: None

Motion carried.

Commissioner Zentner inquired about posting the application on the Village's website; Ms. Riemenschneider agreed that she would get that posted.

- b. Budget Review and Sign Quotes
Commissioners reviewed quoted sign prices and agreed that the sign sizes selected are likely too small. Ms. Riemenschneider agreed to reach out to the sign companies to get updated quotes for larger signs. Commissioner Murray suggested reaching out to the Oswego Downtown Association to let them know about the historic designation and the signs. The group inquired as to whether there would be a ceremony for the signs.
- c. 2024 Strategic Plan
Commissioners reviewed the previous strategic plan and annual events. Commissioner Terrazas inquired whether the HPC had any vacant positions and Ms. Riemenschneider responded that there was one open spot. Commissioners agreed that it should remain a goal to fill this position. Other past activities were discussed, including the Property of the Season program and the National Preservation Month activities. Commissioner Terrazas indicated that there had been some discussion of revitalizing the Property of the Seasons program with a focus on 100-year old homes on a bi-annual basis. Commissioners and Ms. Riemenschneider agreed to come to the next meeting with ideas for the new strategic plan.

7. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT - None

8. REPORTS

Commissioners' Reports – None
Oswegoland Park District / Oswego Heritage Association Report – None

Development Services Report – None.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS - None.

10. NEXT MEETING

Ms. Riemenschneider indicated that the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 15, 2023

11. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Murray made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Zentner seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned 7:53 pm.