

Village of Oswego
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

June 26, 2024, at 7:00 PM
Location: 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 7:01 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Commissioners Zentner, Barrow, Murray, Schwarz
Members Absent: Commissioners George (arrived at 7:08pm), Terrazas
Others Present: Rachel Riemenschneider

3. MINUTES – Approve Minutes for March 27, 2024.

A motion was made by Commissioner Zentner and seconded by Commissioner Murray to approve the minutes from the March 27, 2024, meeting with no changes.

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

4. PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the public were present.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Downtown Oswego Historic District (DOHD)
 - i. Proposed sign locations

Ms. Riemenschneider summarized conversation from March 27 meeting and presented the proposed street sign designed by Public Works. Commissioners were supportive of sign design. Commissioner Murray made a motion to approve the street signs and Commissioner Zentner seconded.

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

Ms. Riemenschneider indicated that she would coordinate with Public Works to post the signs, and would let the Chamber of Commerce know that the signs would be posted.

Next discussion returned to the proposed bronze sign. Commissioners reviewed the proposed text and suggested it should include HPC logo.

Commissioner George arrived at 7:08pm.

Commissioner Murray suggested to include information about Native Americans living in the area prior to 1833.

Commissioner Barrow requested clarification about where QR code directs to, which would be a page on the Village website. Commissioner Murray indicated that perhaps the information about Native Americans could be included on the website.

Ms. Riemenschneider indicated that she will continue trying to get quotes for the bronze signs; only one company has responded thus far.

b. Budget Review and Sign Quotes

This item was discussed as part of Item a – Downtown Oswego Historic District.

c. Harvey One-Room Schoolhouse sign update

Commissioner Murray indicated that she has talked to member of the Harvey family, they are interested in participating in an event if there is one to place the sign. Commissioners reviewed the proposed text of the sign, and Commissioner Murray said she could send it to the family as well.

Ms. Riemenschneider will continue seeking quotes for this sign as discussed at the March 27 meeting (approximately 18"x24").

d. Honorary Street Name application: Justice Rita Garman

Commissioner Murray contacted Justice Garman, who is interested in participating in an event to place the sign.

Ms. Riemenschneider will coordinate with the Village to select some possible dates in August, which Commissioner Murray will pass along to Justice Garman.

Commissioner Barrow is still planning on submitting an Honorary Street Name application for September.

e. 2024 Strategic Plan

Ms. Riemenschneider stated that she made the changes requested at the previous meeting, to separate the Property of the Season and Honorary Street Name goals.

Commissioners discussed adding a goal for HPC members to attend community events, such as staffing the Village booth at Prairie Fest, Wine on the Fox, etc. Chairman George suggested adding a goal to attend two events annually. Ms. Riemenschneider clarified that Commissioners would like the timeframe for the goal to be on a continual basis, and that it would address purposes 1-2.

Commissioner Barrow suggested clarification of the title of the plan that it's 5-year plan.

Commissioner Barrow made a motion to adopt the strategic plan on the conditions that (1) the goal of attending community events is added and (2) that the title is revised to a "5-Year Strategic Plan". Motion was seconded by Chairman George.

AYES: Zentner, Barrow, Murray, Schwarz, George
NAYS: None
ABSTAINS: None

There was further discussion of the Property of the Season. Commissioner Zentner recommended renaming it "Historic Property Highlights". Commissioners agreed that the Pillars should be the first property highlighted in Winter 2025. Historic Property Highlights will be further discussed at the next meeting.

Commissioner George mentioned that in past years, the HPC had a picture included in the newsletter and that may be a way to advertise that the commission is seeking another member.

6. NEW BUSINESS

None.

7. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

None.

8. REPORTS

- a. Commissioners' Reports – None.
- b. Oswegoland Park District / Oswego Heritage Association Report – None.
- c. Development Services Report

Ms. Riemenschneider reported that the Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission has invited the Oswego HPC to their meeting on July 15, 2024, at 6:00pm.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

10. NEXT MEETING

Ms. Riemenschneider indicated that the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 24, 2024.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner George made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Barrow seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned 7:42 pm.

AYES: Zentner, Barrow, Murray, Schwarz, George

NAYS: None

ABSTAINS: None

Rachel Riemenschneider

Rachel Riemenschneider, Secretary