

**VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

January 26, 2023

A meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was held on January 26, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the First Floor Community Room at the River Forest Village Hall, 400 Park Avenue.

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Upon roll call, the following persons were:

Present: Chairman Franek, Commissioners Krusinski, Muhr, Graham-White, Saeger and Raino-Ogden. Commissioner Forehand arrived at 7:15.

Absent: Commissioner Muhr.

Also Present: Interim Village Administrator Matt Walsh, Management Analyst/Deputy Clerk Luke Masella

Administrator Walsh explained some of the staff transition in the Village. Deputy Clerk Luke Masella introduced himself to the group.

II. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – DECEMBER 15, 2022

A MOTION was made by Commissioner Raino-Ogden and SECONDED by Commissioner Saeger to approve the meeting minutes for December 15, 2022 as presented.

AYES: Chairman Franek, Commissioners Krusinski, Graham-White, Saeger, Raino-Ogden, Forehand

NAYS: None.

Motion Passes.

III. PUBLIC TESTIMONY

No public testimony was heard.

IV. DISCUSSION REGARDING PROMOTION OF RIVER FOREST ARCHITECTURE AND HISTORY

a. Presentation of updated Significant Property Map

Administrator Walsh share the progress that Commissioner Muhr made on the interactive map. The group praised the progress and expressed interest in using it as a tool for promotion. Suggestions were made to post links to specific homes each month in Village newsletters.

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V. DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL WAYS TO PROTECT SIGNIFICANT PROPERTIES

a. Discussion of Process for Designating Additional Significant Properties

Administrator Walsh shared his conversations with the Village Attorney regarding the topic. Walsh stated that his recommendation is the Commission hold preliminary discussions about adding properties, then bring the suggestion to the Village Board before formal approvals and notifications are sent.

Chairman Franek asked Commissioner Saeger to present information on the contributing and notable properties at the next meeting.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Saeger mentioned an article from the Village of Oak Park regarding painting historic masonry homes. Saeger suggested the Village share similar information.

Chairman Franek shared the results of his discussions with Frank Lipo regarding Martin Braun. Mr. Lipo reported that he was not aware of any known concerns about Braun and mentioned an article from the Wednesday Journal in 1994.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made by Commissioner Raino-Ogden and SECONDED by Commissioner Graham White to adjourn the January 26, 2023 meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission at 7:45 p.m.

AYES: Chairman Franek, Commissioners Krusinski, Graham-White, Forehand and Raino-Ogden.

NAYS: None.


Motion Passes.

Respectfully submitted:

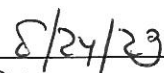


Matt Walsh
Assistant to the Village Administrator

Approved:



David Franek, Chairman
Historic Preservation Commission



Date