

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

March 28th, 2024

A meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was held on March 28th, 2024 in the 1st Floor Community Room of the River Forest Village Hall, 400 Park Avenue.

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. Upon roll call, the following persons were:

Present: Chairman Franek, Commissioners Saeger, Graham-White, Raino-Ogden, Forehand, Muhr.

Absent: Commissioner Krusinski.

Also Present: Management Analyst/Deputy Clerk Luke Masella .

II. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – November 15th, 2023

A MOTION was made by Commissioner Saeger and SECONDED by Commissioner Graham-White to approve the meeting minutes for the November 15th, 2023 meeting.

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

NAYS: None.

Motion Passes.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

IV. REVIEW OF APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR COMPLETENESS – 214 GALE – GARAGE DEMOLITION

Chairman Franek asked the Commission if they had any thoughts on the application.

Commissioners Saeger and Raino-Ogden noted being support of the demolition of the garage.

A MOTION was made by Commissioner Raino-Ogden and SECONDED by Commissioner Saeger to deem the application for Certificate of Appropriateness as complete.

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

NAYS: None.

Motion Passes

V. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF 240 FOREST AVENUE

Deputy Clerk Masella provided background to the Commission on how this item came onto the agenda. He stated that a potential homebuyer is interested if the home can gain a historic status to qualify for tax incentives.

Chairman Franek provided reasoning why he believed this property should not be considered for significant status.

Commissioner Graham-White suggested staff direct the potential home buyer to the information on tax incentives on the Village website.

VI. DISCUSSION OF CONTRIBUTING OR NOTEWORTHY PROPERTIES TO CONSIDER FOR SIGNIFICANT PROPERTY STATUS

Chairman Franek gave an update on the proposed significant properties survey and informed the Commission that after discussing the survey with Village President Adduci, he thinks the Commission should pause all considerations until a later date.

VII. DISCUSSION REGARDING PROMOTION OF RIVER FOREST ARCHITECTURE AND HISTORY

Commissioner Seager stated that there is an upcoming house walk in early May on the south side of town.

Commissioner Graham-White asked that the Village promote the house walk event on social media.

Deputy Clerk Masella noted that the Village has already been promoting the event and will continue to do so.

Commissioner Forehand asked if the Village has done anything regarding the 2023 Preservation awards.

The Commission decided to present the awards at the end of the summer along with any 2024 Preservation Award winners.

A MOTION was made by Commissioner Forehand and SECONDED by Commissioner Raino-Ogden to present the 2023 and 2024 Historic Preservation awards together at a later date this year.

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NAYS: None.

Motion Passes.

VIII. DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL WAYS TO PROTECT SIGNIFICANT PROPERTIES

None.

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

The Commissioners discussed the filing of the Statement of Economic Interest forms with the County.

Deputy Clerk Masella stated he received a building permit and Certificate of Appropriateness Application for 604 Bonnie Brae and expects it to be on the next meeting agenda.


X. ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made by Commissioner Muhr and SECONDED by Commissioner Raino-Ogden to adjourn the March 28th, 2024, meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission.

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

NAYS: None.

Motion Passes and the meeting ended at 7:36 PM.

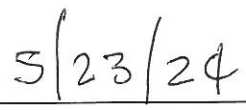


Luke Masella
Deputy Clerk/Management Analyst

Approved:



David Franek, Chairman
Historic Preservation Commission



Date