

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

**April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

A meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was held on April 27<sup>th</sup>, 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, Graham-White, Saeger, Raino-Ogden, Forehand

Absent: Commissioner Muhr

Also Present: Management Analyst/Deputy Clerk Luke Masella

**II. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – MARCH 23, 2023**

A MOTION was made by Commissioner Saeger and SECONDED by Commissioner Graham-White to approve the meeting minutes for the March 23, 2023 meeting.

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

NAYS: None.

Motion Passes.

**III. PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

a. Discussion surrounding 559 Edgewood Place

Commissioner Raino-Ogden recused himself from the discussion as this agenda item related to a property the commissioner owns.

Kris Raino-Ogden, who lives at 559 Edgewood Place, made public comment regarding proposed changes to the property at 559 Edgewood Place.

Commissioner Graham-White commented in support of the proposed addition.

Commissioner Forehand commented in support of the proposed addition.

Chairman Franek and Commissioner Saeger stated they agreed with Commissioner Forehand's comments.

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Commissioner Graham-White stated she appreciates the usage of original windows for the addition.

A discussion ensued surrounding the windowsill height.

A MOTION was made by Commissioner Forehand and SECONDED by Commissioner Saeger to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness for the proposed changes at 559 Edgewood Place.

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

NAYS: None.

Motion Passes.

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

Commissioner Graham-White asked whether the Commission had discussed adding Buurma properties to the list.

Chairmen Franek noted that many of the Buurma properties are on the list and that the discussion surrounding them occurred during the creation of the survey document.

A discussion ensued surrounding the creation of a list of properties to propose for significant property status to the Village Board of Trustees.

A preliminary list of 16 properties was tentatively agreed upon.

Chairmen Franek requested Deputy Clerk/Analyst Masella ask Village Administrator Walsh on how to proceed with presenting the list of properties to the Village Board.

Chairmen Franek stressed the tentative nature of the list.

**V. DISCUSSION REGARDING PROMOTION OF RIVER FOREST ARCHITECTURE AND HISTORY**

**A) Continued discussion on Martin Braun and the Auvergne Neighborhood**

Commissioner Raino-Ogden stated he thought the neighborhood should be an individual historic district.

Commissioner Graham-White asked the Commission to consider whether the current Historic District should be expanded to include the Auvergne Neighborhood.

Chairman Franek noted that the uniformity of design of the homes in the area may call for an individual district.

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Commissioner Graham-White noted her support for the idea of an individual district.

**VI. DISCUSSION OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARDS**

Chairmen Franek gave background on Historic Preservation Awards.

Deputy Clerk/Analyst Masella offered to post the award information on social media and in the newsletter.

The Commission agreed that work completed since 2020 will be allowed for application.

**VII. DISCUSSION REGARDING PROMOTION OF RIVER FOREST ARCHITECTURE AND HISTORY**

None

**VIII. OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

A MOTION was made by Raino-Ogden and SECONDED by Commissioner Graham-White to adjourn the April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission at 7:53 p.m.

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

NAYS: None.

Motion Passes.

Respectfully submitted:



Luke Masella  
Deputy Clerk/Management Analyst

Approved:



David Franek, Chairman  
Historic Preservation Commission

5/24/23

Date

