

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

June 22nd, 2023

A meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was held on June 22nd, 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 7:07 p.m. Upon roll call, the following persons were:

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

Absent:

Also Present: Management Analyst/Deputy Clerk Luke Masella

II. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – MAY 25TH, 2023

A MOTION was made by Commissioner Raino-Ogden and SECONDED by Commissioner Graham-White to approve the meeting minutes for the May 22nd, 2023, meeting.

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

NAYS: None.

Motion Passes.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

IV. REVIEW OF APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR COMPLETENESS - 553 THATCHER - HOME

Chairmen Franek asked the Commission if they had any comment surrounding the application. The Commissioners made no comments.

A MOTION was made by Commissioner Forehand and SECONDED by Commissioner Saeger to accept the application as complete.

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

NAYS: None.

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Motion Passes.

V. REVIEW OF APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR COMPLETENESS - 553 THATCHER - GARAGE DEMOLITION

The Commission had no comments surrounding the garage demolition, so the Chairman asked for a motion and a second to accept the application as complete.

A MOTION was made by Commissioner Saeger and SECONDED by Commissioner Krusinski to accept the application as complete.

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

NAYS: None.

Motion Passes.

Chairmen Franek noted that the two applications will be reviewed together at the next possible meeting.

VI. REVIEW OF APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR COMPLETENESS - 604 BONNIE BRAE - HOME

Deputy Clerk Masella explained that the Applicant had informed him that the porch portion of the project was no longer going to be built.

Chairmen Franek note that the application will be reviewed at the next meeting.

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

Chairmen Franek stated he contacted a local architect out of Oak Park to see if they would be interested in creating the survey for the prospective significant properties. He stated that he was currently waiting for the bid from the architect.

Chairmen Franek noted that at some point the Commission would need present these findings to the Village Board of Trustees once the Commission decides on the direction they would like to take.

Commissioner Raino-Ogden noted that he would help take some photographs of the potential properties.

VIII. DISCUSSION REGARDING PROMOTION OF RIVER FOREST ARCHITECTURE AND HISTORY

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Commissioner Saeger noted that the River Forest searchable data base is back up and running and also explained that she is working on developing a potential Edgewood area tour with the Oak Park River Forest Historical Society.

Chairmen Franek noted that the architect the Village may utilize for their survey has given Mid Century Modern architectural tours in the past.

IX. DISCUSSION OF APPLICATIONS FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARDS

Mr. Masella displayed a social media post the Village has been publishing regarding awards and noted he was open to any feedback about potential future posts. He also informed the Commission that the corrected Historic Homes Brochure will be distributed to attendees at an event Village President Adduci is hosting on behalf of the Illinois Municipal League.

X. DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL WAYS TO PROTECT SIGNFIICANT PROPERTIES

The Commissioners discussed updating the Block Party survey form that in years past was discussed at River Forest Block Parties.

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Saeger noted hosting the West Side Stories House Walk and mentioned Commissioner Raino-Ogden offered information surrounding his home to the tour.

The Commission discussed possible dates for the next meeting.

Commissioner Forehand noted hearing some local real estate rumblings involving a significant property.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made by Commissioner Raino-Ogden and SECONDED by Commissioner Saeger to adjourn the June 22nd, 2023 meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission at 8:47 p.m.

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

NAYS: None.

Motion Passes.


Respectfully submitted:



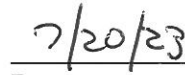
Luke Masella
Deputy Clerk/Management Analyst

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Approved:



David Franek, Chairman
Historic Preservation Commission



Date