VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

December 15, 2022

A meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was held on December 15, 2022 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.

Absent:

Commissioner Forehand.

Also Present: Assistant to the Village Administrator Matt Walsh

II. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – OCTOBER 27, 2022

A MOTION was made by Commissioner Raino-Ogden and SECONDED by Commissioner Muhr to approve the meeting minutes for October 27, 2022 as presented.

Chairman Franck asked that Assistant Walsh confirm the name of the Landmarks Illinois organization.

AYES:

Chairman Franek, Commissioners Krusinski, Muhr, Graham-White, Saeger and

Raino-Ogden.

NAYS:

None.

Motion Passes.

III. PUBLIC TESTIMONY

No public testimony was heard.

IV. DISCUSSION REGARDING PROMOTION OF RIVER FOREST ARCHITECTURE AND HISTORY

Chairman Franek asked about incorrect information on social media regarding historical properties.

Chairman Franek asked Assistant Walsh about the process for updating the significant property database. Assistant Walsh shared that the Commission can update information for significant properties, but will confirm about adding new properties.

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Chairman Franek then asked Commissioner Muhr about his project to create an interactive map. Commissioner Muhr demonstrated his Google Earth project and received compliments from the group. Member Raino-Ogden recommended some revisions to the project.

Chairman Franek and Member Saeger discussed reaching out to the Oak Park & River Forest Historical Society to find dates for River Oaks properties. Member Saeger proposed adding a historical street sign for River Oaks or Auvergne to recognize the development. Chairman Franek stated he would ask Frank Lipo for information on the developer.

Member Raino-Ogden stated that he would bring in the block party oral history questionnaire to the next meeting.

V. DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL WAYS TO PROTECT SIGNIFICANT PROPERTIES

Chairman Franek reiterated the need to find the process for approving new significant properties.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Franck thanks the Commission for their hard work during 2022.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made by Commissioner Raino-Ogden and SECONDED by Commissioner Graham White to adjourn the December , 2022 meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission at 7:35 p.m.

AYES: Chairman Franck, Commissioners Krusinski, Muhr, Graham-White, and Raino-Ogden.

NAYS: None.

Motion Passes.

Respectfully submitted:

Matt Walsh

Assistant to the Village Administrator

Approved:

David Franck, Chairman

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