

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

**July 26, 2017**

A meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was held on July 26, 2017 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 6:56 p.m. Upon roll call, the following persons were:

Present: Chairman Zurowski, Commissioners Franek, Graham-White, Raino-Ogden and Popowits

Absent: Commissioner Prestes and Pritz

Also Present: Management Analyst Jon Pape

**II. PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

Bill McDonald, 803 Bonnie Brae, spoke in regards to agenda item VIII, Discussion regarding Road Construction on Chicago Avenue. He noted that he appeared before the Traffic and Safety Commission previously regarding this issue. As a bicycle rider, Mr. McDonald spoke in opposition to the installation of bump outs as a safety issue for cyclists. He spoke further about bicycle issues in the area. In conclusion, he congratulated the Historic Preservation Award winners.

Jan Saeger, 435 William, brought forward a copy of the Frank Lloyd Wright Trust map for the area. She shared how this was relevant because many of the properties overlapped from the proposed River Forest map and how it served a similar purpose. She further spoke in support of the lamp post project at the 700 block of William. She noted its uniqueness and importance.

John Dzuryak, 315 Forest, stated that he received the Historic Preservation Award in 2010 and congratulated the new winners. Further, Mr. Dzuryak stated his desire to continue pursuing preserving the remaining Washington School panels. He further asked that records be corrected to show that the Washington School was demolished in 1998, not 1997.

**III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

No comments were heard in regards to the June 28, 2017 meeting minutes.

A MOTION was made by Commissioner Franek and SECONDED by Commissioner Raino-Ogden to approve the minutes of the June 28, 2017 Historic Preservation Commission meeting.

AYES: Chairman Zurowski, Commissioners Franek, Graham-White, Raino-Ogden and Popowits

NAYS: None.

Motion Passes.

#### **IV. CONSIDERATION OF HISTORIC PROPERTY MODIFICATIONS AND APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS**

No applications were heard. Management Analyst Pape stated that window applications were expected soon.

#### **V. PRESENTATION OF THE 2017 HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARDS**

The Historic Preservation Commission presented the Laurel McMahon Restoration Award to 146 Keystone and 558 Franklin. Each homeowner spoke accepting their award and recounting the processes to finish their renovations.

#### **VI. REVIEW OF ONGOING COMMISSIONER ASSIGNMENTS**

Commissioner Popowits stated that he is still working on additional presentations but he has been slowed down by some computer troubles.

Management Analyst Pape said he would send a draft of an E-News story to Chairman Zurowski.

In regards to monitoring of at-risk properties, Commissioner Graham-White stated that the 344 Keystone was on the market, which received an award a few years ago. 562 Keystone has not closed yet. 1123 Franklin has not closed yet but is still contingent. 720 Keystone is still on the market.

Commissioner Franek shared that he sensed that the CLG status was on hold given the situation in the State government.

#### **VII. DISCUSSION REGARDING PROPOSED RIVER FOREST HISTORIC PRESERVATION MAP**

Commissioner Raino-Ogden said that he is planning to try to photograph all properties with the correct lighting.

The Commission reviewed the edits that had been made to the survey since the last meeting. These include grammatical changes and confirmations of previous edits.

#### **VIII. DISCUSSION REGARDING ROAD CONSTRUCTION ON CHICAGO AVENUE**

Management Analyst Pape shared with the Commission the details of this project. Due to the Illinois Department of Transportation requirements, the Commission was asked to be consulted on this project.

Due to the fact that the Chicago Avenue IDOT project is taking place in a Historic District and the project is proposed to include the reconstruction and addition of "bump-outs", the Historic Preservation Commission was asked to provide a letter stating that they do not object to the project.

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The Commission concluded that they did not object to the project.

A MOTION was made by Commissioner Popowits and SECONDED by Commissioner Raino-Ogden to approve a letter of no objection for the Chicago Avenue project.

AYES: Chairman Zurowski, Commissioners Franek, Graham-White, Raino-Ogden and Popowits

NAYS: None.

Motion Passes.

**IX. OTHER BUSINESS**

Commissioner Raino-Ogden updated that he attended the July 10, 2017 Village Board of Trustees meeting with a resident of the 700 Block of William regarding the lamppost.

The next meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission will be the regularly scheduled date of Thursday, August 24, 2017.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

A MOTION was made by Commissioner Franek and SECONDED by Commissioner Raino-Ogden to adjourn the July 26, 2017 meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission at 7:54 p.m.

AYES: Chairman Zurowski, Commissioners Franek, Graham-White, Raino-Ogden and Popowits

NAYS: None.

Motion Passes.

Respectfully submitted:

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Jonathan Pape  
Management Analyst

Approved:

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Tom Zurowski, Chairman  
Historic Preservation Commission

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Date