MINUTES
Historic Preservation Commission
May 7, 2020
City Hall, 100 W. Woodstock Street, Crystal Lake, IL

1) Call to Order
L. Solak, Chair called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Lisa Solak spoke about Mayor Aaron Shepley's untimely passing. All of the Commission members acknowledged the tragedy and hoped his family was doing well. The sentiments of the Commission honored his legacy and noted he would be greatly missed as a person and a pillar of the community.

2) Roll Call/Attendance
The following Commission members were present, Hamilton Hale, Nancy Haskins, Diana Kenney, Lisa Solak, Bob Wyman, and Jim Wyman. Staff member Elizabeth Maxwell was present.

3) Adoption of Temporary Rules
The commission reviewed the Temporary Rules Concerning Public Comment, Participation, and Social Distancing at City Public Meetings. D. Kenney made a motion to approve to adopt the temporary rules. All members voted aye. Motion passed.

4) Public Comment
None.

5) Election of Officer
J. Wyman made a motion to nominate Lisa Solak as Chair and Bob Wyman as Vice-Chair. D. Kenney seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The officer slate was set. J. Wyman made a motion to approve Lisa Solak as the Chair and Bob Wyman as the Vice-Chair. D. Kenney seconded the motion. On roll call, members H. Hale, N. Haskins, D. Kenney, B. Wyman and J. Wyman voted aye, none opposed. Motion passed.

6) Approval of Minutes of the March 5, 2020 Regular Meeting
J. Wyman noted a correction in the minutes. D. Kenney made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 5, 2020 regular meeting with the identified corrections. J. Wyman seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion passed.

7) 2020 Trolley Tour Discussion
L. Solak noted that if the same tour is planned for 2021 it allows the commission members to do in depth research and create very good stories. D. Kenney said it was the right call to make to cancel the tour. The other commission members agreed. The early cancellation allowed for the cancelling of the trolleys so no funds were lost and it looked like the commission was proactive not scrambling at the last minute.

8) 2020 Commission Activities
L. Solak liked B. Wyman's idea of contacting more people to plaque their homes. B. Wyman explained that he heard back from the Franzs and they would like more information on how the

landmark process works. The family was very active in the community so there is a lot of good information and reason to plaque the property not just because it was a part of the Leonard Hotel. After the COVID restrictions are lifted he would like to invite them to a commission meeting so they can ask questions and get a better understanding of the commission, their mission, and the landmark process.

L. Solak suggested that the commission have a list of homes that should be landmarked. She asked if anyone had favorite homes. N. Haskins said the Ellsworth house. L. Solak asked if they should put some information on the website about plaquing homes. J. Wyman noted that the trolley tour cancellation was in the newsletter so maybe information about the commission and the landmark program could be as well. D. Kenney said it is difficult to find information on the website and said the newsletter was better. We have until Monday as the deadline for the June newsletter. D. Kenney said people can put 10 to 15 homes on a list with the why and the commission can review them to see if they should be pursued. A master list could be created. J. Wyman asked about a property that was no longer there and it was decided that the building needed to be there. He also asked about the St. Thomas church that was converted to a house if that would be eligible. Yes it would be good to put on the list for review. The commission can discuss this idea at the next meeting

9) Member Inquiries and Reports

B. Wyman contacted the company that did the tuck pointing for the Alano Club. They looked at his stone foundation and gave him a quote. He will be applying for a Certificate of Appropriateness and Grant to get the work done. They will do a nice job, and he wants the foundation done right.

D. Kenney said the Colonel Palmer House is closed. The Historical Society's Spring and Summer events are cancelled and Dearly Departed is cancelled. The Historical Society, and volunteers including N. Haskins, spent a ton of time setting up the exhibits and they hope people get to see them in the fall. J. Wyman noted that he really wanted to see it and knows many people that went to school here that will be interested in seeing the displays.

10) Adjournment

There being no further business, J. Wyman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. D. Kenney seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.