MINUTES
Historic Preservation Commission
February 1, 2024
City Hall, 100 W. Woodstock Street, Crystal Lake, IL

1) Call to Order
L. Solak called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2) Roll Call/Attendance
The following Commission members were present: Ana Freund, Judi Halter, Diana Kenney, Bob Kosin, Brittany Niequist, Lisa Solak, and Bob Wyman. Nancy Haskins was absent. City Planner, Elizabeth Maxwell, was present for staff.

3) Public Comment
None.

4) Approval of Minutes of the January 4, 2024 Regular Meeting
D. Kenney noted two corrections on the minutes. D. Kenney made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2024 meeting as corrected. B. Niequist seconded the motion. On voice vote all voted aye. Motion passed.

5) Trolley Tour 2024
B. Wyman presented the three quotes for trolley companies. The one would not work due to the seating configuration. The Absolute Dream was slightly cheaper than Aries. B. Wyman and B. Kosin noted they visited the Absolute Dream company and saw the trolleys. They are nice, but need a microphone for the speaker system. The owner said they would purchase the microphones. B. Wyman noted there is a panel where they can put a sign on the side of the trolley, which is something they used to do. L. Solak looked up the company and found they had a 4.7 star rating and The Know gives them five stars.

D. Kenney made a motion to approve the trolley company as Absolute Dream for $4,063.50. B. Wyman seconded the motion. On voice vote, all members voted aye. Motion passed.

B. Wyman said he and B. Kosin drove the tour route a few times. B. Kosin presented a revised route list. The commission went through the list and selected houses to research and write up stories on. D. Kenney reminded everyone that the story should be about 250 words in length. B. Niequist asked about having a letter or page at the start of the book explaining the tour, their theme and the Commission's mission. D. Kenney thought that was a good idea and there was typically something in the front cover or the first page about the overall theme. Articles are due April 1st.

6) Member Inquiries and Reports
B. Wyman provided an update on McCormick Park. He spoke with A1, which could do the tuck-pointing and pillar work. They did the work at the Crystal Lake Cemetery. He is waiting for a proposal from them. They still need to look into the other informational signs. B. Kosin said that St. Thomas is restoring the church and there may be extra bricks they could use for the

pillars. B. Wyman was contact by Carol Heisler with the Kiwanis group. They want him and B. Kosin to speak at one of their upcoming meetings about the history of McCormick Park.

D. Kenney asked about the cost of the pillars and two plaques, as well as the other informational signage. B. Kosin said he hoped the City would pay for the costs. D. Kenney said that although the commission's funds are in the City's system their funds were raised through ticket sales, books sales, etc. Once proposals are obtained it can be determined what projects can be paid for.

B. Wyman said they talked a while back about letters of recognition. It would be nice to recognize property owners that that keep the character of the area's history alive by improving their properties. L Solak suggested researching what other commissions do if they send a letter and maybe get a copy of that letter.

B. Wyman asked about landmarking the train depot. It was suggested to put it on the next agenda for discussion.

B. Wyman thanked D. Kenney on the write up about his Aunt Florence Knox. D. Kenney noted the Historical Society has a display of pictures and the school history, as well as Crystal Lake High School 1924 pictures. D. Kenney said the Historical Society is presenting, "This house was once a …" at their open house meeting in early March.

D. Kenney said that there is a presentation program at McHenry County College by Pam Althoff and Gloria Van Hof (Urch) about underground railroad properties in McHenry County.

7) Adjournment

There being no further business, B. Niequist made a motion to adjourn the meeting. D. Kenney seconded the motion. On voice vote, all members voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.