MINUTES
Historic Preservation Commission
May 2, 2024
City Hall, 100 W. Woodstock Street, Crystal Lake, IL

1) Call to Order
B. Niequist called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

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

3) Public Comment
Zachary Benkert and Madison Sommerfield were present. Each provided their background and interest in the open commission spots.
Brynn Jeffries was present to learn about the trolley tour, as she will be a presenter this year.

4) Approval of Minutes of the April 4, 2024 Regular Meeting
B. Wyman made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2024 meeting. J. Halter seconded the motion. On voice vote all voted aye. Motion passed.

5) 135 College Street Certificate of Appropriateness
B. Wyman said the home was constructed in 1885. It was moved in 1905. He purchased the home in 1986. The house has a decorative stone foundation that is starting to fail, especially by the front porch. He found the same person who did the work on the pillars for the Crystal Lake Cemetery. They will be doing tuck-pointing. He provided two quotes for review, one is much cheaper than the other. The one contractor can do the grapevine.

B. Niequist asked about the masonry cement and that it will not be Portland cement. B. Wyman confirmed it will not be Portland.

The other members were ok with the request.

B. Kosin made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness. N. Haskins seconded the motion. On voice vote all members voted aye. Motion passed.

6) Trolley Tour 2024
A. Freund said she secured the top sponsorship with $500 from Enclave. B. Niequist said she got $500 from Rookies. They suggested reaching out to Redwoods and Water's Edge next year when they are building. The ticket sales are doing well online. They noted Heisler's had a line at the door at 9 am when tickets went on sale.

B. Wyman said he is working with Georgio's and Aroma Café.

N. Haskins said she can put in a business card ad size for Heisler's. They have all the articles and it just needs to be proofread. A. Freund said she could proofread it.

B. Niequist said to reach out to people who did sponsorships about their free tickets if they want them. She noted she will compile a document of all the stops.

B. Wyman is working on trolley talk and last year they did an interactive quiz.

A. Freund asked about the letter to homeowners whose property is on the tour route. She will work on the letter and staff noted the City can mail them.

They discussed what to sell the day of. They should sell their cemetery books.

B. Wyman said he will contact the trolley company and check on the microphones and what size the sign panels are on the sides of the trolleys.

7) Other Side Mural
Staff brought this forward to discuss the painting of the building and what surface type was going to be painted. The members noted that the rear of the building is cinder block and there is no concern with it being painted.

8) McCormick Park Plaque
Staff asked about the year for the plaque. B. Kosin noted it was 1836.

9) Member Inquiries and Reports
B. Wyman said the Father McCormick stone was moved to a great location and was happy with the work the City did.

B. Niequist asked the candidates what they thought of the meeting and if they wanted to join. Zachary and Madison were interested

Staff asked about the start time for the meeting. If people liked the 3:00 time. 4:00 would be better for some, but everyone agreed that 3:00 can work. Staff will make the change.

10) Adjournment
There being no further business, B. Kosin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. B. Wyman seconded the motion. On voice vote, all members voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 3:56 p.m.