

MINUTES OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
January 21, 2019

The regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was called to order by Chairman James Hartshorne at 5:01 p.m. at 118 W Cook Avenue.

Members present: Chairman James Hartshorne, Les Galo, Katherine Hamilton-Smith, Thor Jondahl, Mike Kollman, and Melissa Senatore.

Members absent: None.

A quorum was established.

Village Staff present: Christopher Sandine, Associate Planner.

Commissioner Galo noticed a discrepancy between “Ms. Murphy and Mr. Murphy” on HPC Item 18-07. Staff has corrected this discrepancy to state “Ms. Murphy” throughout the document.

Commissioner Kollman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Senatore, to approve the October 15, 2018, Historic Preservation Commission meeting minutes, with the discussed changes.

Motion carried 5 - 0.

Old Business:

None.

New Business

**HPC 19-01 Deli DeVille, LLC, d/b/a, Burnsies Uptown, Authorized Agent for Eric Muller
545 N. Milwaukee Avenue**

Request is for approval of a new awnings and signage.

Mr. John Durning, representative for Burnsies Uptown, presented the proposed awnings and signage for 545 N. Milwaukee Avenue. Mr. Durning stated he received multiple quotes for the awnings and signage, and the intention is to re-cover the existing awnings that have been on site for approximately twelve (12) years. Mr. Durning stated the new awnings will have a similar black background with “Libertyville Wildcat” orange and white. Mr. Durning stated there was an understanding the awning company was going to come before the Commission for an approval, but that did not happen. Mr. Durning stated he received a confirmation that his awnings were installed without an approval from the Historic Preservation Commission and Village Board of Trustees, which is why he is trying to rectify the situation. Commissioner Senatore noted the

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e-mails in the submittal show how Mr. Durning appeared to be caught off-guard by the installation. Commissioner Galo questioned if Burnsies Uptown is open for business. Mr. Durning stated the target date to open by is in March. Commissioner Kollman questioned if the size of the signage is allowable per the Zoning Code. Mr. Sandine stated the Zoning Code allows the applicant to have a maximum sign size of two and one-half percent (2-1/2%) of their gross floor area. Mr. Sandine stated Staff has reviewed the information provided by Bob Bleck and confirmed the signage does not exceed the allowable limit. Commissioner Senatore confirmed the previous tenant had orange signage on their awnings.

Commissioner Jondahl questioned if there are any pictures of the building when it was initially constructed. Commissioner Kollman referred Commissioner Jondahl to the Historic Libertyville website, where a consultant has uploaded several photographs of each building that was surveyed. However, Commissioner Kollman noted there may or may not be any photographs of the initial construction.

Mr. Durning stated he is working with Mark Anderson on a smaller projecting sign, as well. Commissioner Kollman noted the additional signage will be included in the overall square footage count. Mr. Sandine stated the maximum size for a projecting sign is usually around three (3) square feet. Mr. Durning stated he is going to wait until he is ready for a projecting sign for Pizzeria Deville.

Commissioner Kollman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Galo, to recommend the Village Board of Trustees approve the application for a new awnings and signage at 545 N. Milwaukee, in accordance with the plans submitted.

Motion carried 5 - 0.

COMMUNICATIONS AND DISCUSSION:

Approval of the 2019 Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Dates

Commissioner Galo questioned if there is an issue with the February 18th meeting date, since it is on President's Day. The rest of the Commissioners stated they did not have a conflict on this date. Commissioner Jondahl stated he may have an issue with the March meeting date. Commissioner Galo questioned how many Commissioners are needed to have a quorum. Chairman Hartshorne stated the Commission will need at least four (4) members at each meeting to have a quorum and requested if anyone cannot attend, let Mr. Sandine know beforehand.

Commissioner Kollman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jondahl, to approve the 2019 Historic Preservation Commission meeting dates.

Motion carried 5 - 0.

Chairman Hartshorne stated the topic of murals and wall graphics was brought up at the previous meeting. Specifically, the business owner of the "Black Cat Yoga Studio" is looking to have a

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mural on her wall. Commissioner Senatore stated murals would be a nice idea, as long as they are done correctly. Commissioner Kollman stated the existing Ordinance does not cover “murals” exclusively, but it does cover paint color. Commissioner Kollman noted murals can be done tastefully or they can be untasteful. Commissioner Kollman noted other communities have looked into murals and this is something the Commission should look into further. Commissioner Kollman stated one of the recurring themes for murals is that they shouldn’t be used as advertising or commercial speech. Commissioner Senatore noted the maintenance upkeep for the mural will be important, especially on the older brick. Commissioner Kollman questioned who will be maintaining the mural and who will be responsible for removing the mural. Chairman Hartshorne stated the brick may need to be prepared specifically to allow for the paint to adhere to the brick and be removed without damaging the façade. Commissioner Senatore questioned what other Historic Preservation Commissions have done to regulate murals without infringing on the First Amendment. Chairman Hartshorne stated there are hardly any Ordinances that address murals, while Commissioner Kollman stated the content he has seen states the mural shall not be used for advertising or commercial use. Commissioner Kollman questioned how to regulate the size or content, if at all. Commissioner Senatore stated she can see the idea as charming or out-of-hand, depending on how it is regulated.

(Commissioner Hamilton-Smith arrived at 5:25 p.m.)

Commissioner Kollman stated the previous discussion ended with the agreement to have the Commissioners research murals in other communities, then discuss at an upcoming meeting. Commissioner Jondahl noted Antioch, IL, has a mural in their downtown and questioned if they had any regulations. Commissioner Hamilton-Smith noted she sent Mr. Sandine some references in October regarding other communities and their mural regulations. Commissioner Hamilton-Smith questioned if Amy McEwan is still on the Commission. Mr. Sandine stated it is his understanding she has resigned from the Commission. Commissioner Kollman stated the Commissioners should look into the mural regulations and continue the discussion at the next meeting.

The Commission discussed their background and why they joined the Historic Preservation Commission. Following this discussion, Commissioner Kollman and Chairman Hartshorne provided background information on how the Commission was initially formed and how the Commission operates today. Mr. Sandine stated the Comprehensive Plan Review Committee will be meeting with the Commission in February to discuss updates to the Village’s Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Sandine stated a questionnaire will be provided prior to the meeting so the Commission can gather their thoughts beforehand.

With no further discussion, Commissioner Galo made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kollman, to adjourn the Historic Preservation Commission.

Motion carried 6 - 0.

Meeting adjourned at 5:51 p.m.