

Minutes  
Elmhurst Historic Preservation Commission  
March 9, 2016

Call to Order/Roll Call

Vice Chairperson Tellefsen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll was called, and the following Commissioners were present: Granke, Kurdas, Tellefsen, Reinertsen. Commissioners O'Leary arrived at 7:05. City liaison Franz was present and ACM Kopp.

Approval of Minutes: January 13, 2016

Commissioner Reinertsen moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Granke seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Public Comment

Dave Falls introduced himself and stated that he was attending the meeting to observe.

Request for Removal of Historic Landmark Designation

The purpose of this hearing is to consider a request for removal of historic landmark designation pursuant to the Elmhurst Historic Preservation Ordinance for the subject property is 259 Cottage Hill Avenue in Elmhurst, Illinois, 60126, also known as The John L. Pentecost House.

**Public Hearing – All properties within 500 feet have been notified**

Commissioner Kurdas made a motion to open the public hearing for Case 16 HPC 01, which is a request by Mr. Charles Goding to remove the historic landmark designation from the property at 259 Cottage Hill. Commissioner Reinertsen seconded the motion. After all testimony was received relating to this case the public hearing was closed. The Commission discussed the request and the Historic Preservation Ordinance. Commissioner Kurdas made a motion to approve the request as presented. Commissioner Reinertsen seconded the motion. The Commission voted 5-0 to recommend approval of the request as presented.

Draft Survey Form Review

Commissioner Granke had a few comments on the survey forms and stated she will send them to staff liaison Franz.

Proposed Workshop Update

Franz reported that the Museum already has their events booked through spring. There was a consensus to plan the workshop for September or October.

Proposed Database

Franz reported that Lara Ramsey would charge \$45/hour to compile the previous surveys into one database. Commissioner Granke made a motion to hire Ramsey Historic Consultants to compile the information from the previous surveys into a database. Commissioner O'Leary seconded the motion and all Commissioners voted in favor. Franz will work with Lara Ramsey and report back at the next meeting.

#### Certificate of Appropriateness requirements review and discussion

The Commission discussed the current C of A requirements and that some may be unclear and cumbersome to a property owner. Specifically, requiring a public hearing, charging a fee and better defining certain items were discussed. Franz will contact Glen Ellyn to obtain the results of the survey the intern at Glen Ellyn conducted. Franz will also provide a revised draft of the C of A section of the Ordinance for the next meeting based on the discussion.

#### Other Business

Commissioner Granke commented on the work at the Elmhurst Art Museum.

#### Old Business

None.

#### Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.