

MINUTES OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
February 20, 2023

The regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was called to order by Acting Chair Mike Kollman at 6:07 p.m. at 118 W. Cook Avenue.

Members present: Acting Chair Mike Kollman, Sarah Burger, Tom Flader and Casey Rooney.

Members absent: Chairman James Hartshorne, Les Galo and Michael Haug.

A quorum was established.

Village Staff present: Christopher Sandine, Associate Planner.

Commissioner Rooney made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Flader, to approve the January 16, 2023, Historic Preservation Commission meeting minutes, as written.

Motion carried 4 - 0.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

None.

Communications and Discussion:

Mr. Sandine stated Village Staff met with representatives from the National Park Service and the IL-SHPO to discuss the declined application for a Certified Local Historic District. Mr. Sandine stated the National Park Service provided Staff with further feedback on the application. Mr. Sandine stated the National Park Service provided Staff with two different options on how to proceed if the Commission still wants to work towards certification. Mr. Sandine stated one option is to amend the initial application to the Certified Local Historic District. Mr. Sandine noted the initial push for the Certified Local Historic District was to allow for the Lovinger Building to obtain tax credits. Mr. Sandine stated a second option is to apply for a portion of the Historic District to be listed on the National Register. Mr. Sandine stated there are grants available from the IL-SHPO that would allow for the Village to hire a consultant to complete the application on the Village's behalf. Commissioner Rooney questioned if either recommendation included the Fould's Building being removed from these districts. Mr. Sandine stated the owner of the Fould's Building will need to apply for National Landmark status to become eligible for tax credits. Mr. Sandine stated they are still protected from demolition through the Local Historic District. Acting Chair Kollman confirmed that the application for the National Register can be different than the existing Local Historic District.

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Commissioner Rooney discussed the upcoming webinar for the Illinois Statewide Historic Preservation Plan. Mr. Sandine stated he will look into the program further and give updates on its importance. Mr. Sandine suggested available Commissioners attend the virtual meeting to learn more about the program.

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

Motion carried 4 - 0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.