

Historical Preservation Commission

February 19, 2009

Chairman Paul Cummins called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Members Present:

Barry Jennings
Mike Levickas
Robert Paszczyk
Paul Cummins

Members Absent:

Helen Samuelson
Paul Lechner

Minutes

Motion was made by Chairman Pro-tem Paszczyk and seconded by Commissioner Levickas to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

New Business:

There was a joint pre-meeting with LRPC to hear the progress of Gingko on the downtown redevelopment project.

The commissioners discussed the viability of the commission and whether or not we should continue to exist or be meld into other commissions. It was decided by vote that Chairman Cummins would present the idea of consolidation to the Trustee liaison and the Mayor. The general concept would be to merge some of our members with the Main Street Commission and some with other commissions as needed. The commissioners felt that by merging we can help the petitioner get their projects through in a more efficient manner. It was felt that the design criteria are already in place for construction in the Historic District and that it is a matter of Staff enforcement. It was also mentioned that by placing HPC members on the MSC and perhaps LRPC those commissions will get another view point in their decision making process. It was noted that we could reduce our budget completely except for the small amount that is allocated for the Historic Plaque program. Brad said that that could be handled by the Historical Society. It was also suggested that the melding of MSC and HPC could result in a completely new name for the commission such as the Historical Downtown Development Commission or something else indicating the combined nature of the commission. Chairman Cummins said he would pass this on to the appropriate people.

Old Business:

Development Project Updates:

Boston Blackies (6775 W. South St.) Assigned to Bob Paszczyk
Commissioner Paszczyk noted that there is a formal presentation at the LRPC meeting at the close of this meeting.

Commission Project Updates:

Historical Markers - Assigned to Helen Samuelson

Watch List:

Tinley Park Place (North Street Development) Assigned to Bob Paszczyk, Helen Samuelson
Project developers are continuing to work on financing and condo pre-construction sales. Project on hold.

Municipal Parking Garage (Teng and Associates)
Planning and design work continues. Scheduled for LRPC.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for March 19, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.