

**MINUTES OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**  
**March 15, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was conducted virtually due to public health concerns and called to order by Chairman James Hartshorne at 5:03 p.m.

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

Members absent: Melissa Senatore.

A quorum was established.

Village Staff present: John Spoden, Director of Community Development, and Christopher Sandine, Associate Planner.

Commissioner Kollman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Galo, to approve the February 15, 2021, Historic Preservation Commission meeting minutes, with the proposed change: 1) Change the final sentence of Page 2 in order to read: *“Commissioner Hamilton-Smith stated she was sad to see the previous owner move out but wanted to express excitement about a new business moving into the space on Milwaukee Avenue”*.

Motion carried 5 – 0.

Commissioner Kollman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Galo, to approve the March 1, 2021, Historic Preservation Commission meeting minutes, as written.

Motion carried 5 – 0.

**Old Business:**

**None.**

**New Business:**

**HPC 21-02   Martina Cook, Applicant.  
                  210 Lake Street**

**Request is for Local Landmark Designation.**

Ms. Martina Cook and Mr. Richard Cook, Owners of 210 Lake Street, presented the request for Local Landmark Designation for their residence at 210 Lake Street. Commissioner Hamilton-Smith noted how delighted she was to see this home be renovated instead of razed by a developer. Commissioner Hamilton-Smith noted how there is a modest, distinctive character of the home compared to the newer homes being constructed on Lake Street. Commissioner Jondahl agreed wholeheartedly with Commissioner Hamilton-Smith’s assessment. Commissioner Jondahl

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questioned if the Landmark Designation is only applied to a portion of the building or the whole building. Commissioner Kollman confirmed it will apply to the whole building. Commissioner Kollman questioned when the house was constructed. Ms. Cook stated the house was constructed in 1874. Commissioner Jondahl questioned which was built first, the Cook Mansion or this house. Commissioner Kollman stated he wasn't sure but noted it was an earlier home constructed in the Village. Commissioner Kollman stated the addition does not appear to diminish the existing character of the home. Commissioner Jondahl questioned if there is any record of a carriage house on the property. Ms. Cook stated there was a dilapidated carriage house at one time. Commissioner Galo indicated it was located at the north end of the property. Commissioner Galo stated it appears there was a lot of love put into the home. Ms. Cook agreed and stated when the renovation was going on, they found that there was "nogging" within the walls, which is representative of the time frame when the house was constructed. Commissioner Kollman asked if any treasures were found in the house. Mr. Cook stated there was an old well underneath the kitchen. Commissioner Jondahl questioned the electricity of the house. Mr. Cook stated the electric was all knob-and-tube, first generation electric.

Chairman Hartshorne requested testimony from the public. Mr. Sandine and Mr. Spoden stated they have not received any electronic communications regarding this item. Chairman Hartshorne closed the public testimony on this item hearing no further comments.

Commissioner Kollman questioned if Ms. Cook was related to Ansel B. Cook. Ms. Cook stated she was not related but Mr. Cook did mention he has roots in the area. Commissioner Jondahl questioned if the applicant is aware that the Local Landmark Designation will require review of certain exterior projects in the future. Mr. Cook and Ms. Cook acknowledged the requirements that come with this designation.

Mr. Spoden stated a full report will be drafted for the Commission to review at the next meeting prior to sending it to the Village Board. Mr. Spoden stated the report will be a compilation of the materials submitted in a formal document.

*Commissioner Galo made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kollman, to recommend the Village Board of Trustees approve the application for Local Landmark Designation at 210 Lake Street, in accordance with the plans submitted.*

*Motion carried 5 - 0.*

**HPC 21-03 Catherine and Ahmed Amin, Applicants.**  
**501 N. Milwaukee Avenue**

**Request is for a new awning.**

Mr. Ahmed Amin, Owner of The Picnic Basket, presented the proposed awning for 501 N. Milwaukee Avenue. Chairman Hartshorne confirmed the proposed awning will match the existing awnings on the building in terms of colors and letter style. Chairman Hartshorne noted the awning will be a little taller than the other awnings. Mr. Amin confirmed the awning will not be on the

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same level as the others since the window itself is tall. Mr. Amin stated the awning will curve around the keystone above the window. Commissioner Hamilton-Smith stated the proposed awning looks sharp and should dress up the southern side of the building. Commissioner Kollman stated the awning looks appropriate but struggled to picture how the curve turns into a rectangle at the bottom. Mr. Amin stated he is unsure how it will work, but he is paying people to make it happen. Mr. Amin stated it will be one-by-one aluminum framing when put together. Mr. Amin stated the awning is for the customers who have to wait outside for a few minutes in the elements. Mr. Amin stated he might consider an air curtain to prevent bugs from coming in through the window. Mr. Amin stated he is sincerely thankful for the support from the Village and the people in the Village. Mr. Amin stated the awning will provide a marker for people to know where the pickup window is located. Commissioner Kollman questioned if there will be lighting underneath the awning. Mr. Amin stated there will not be any lighting underneath the awning since the business model and hours have changed. Commissioner Galo questioned moving the curved portion of the awning down to have the keystone exposed. Mr. Amin stated the only way to have it look professionally installed and maintain an aesthetic appearance is to have the keystone covered.

*Commissioner Kollman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Galo, to recommend the Village Board of Trustees approve the application for a new awning at 501 N. Milwaukee Avenue, in accordance with the plans submitted.*

*Motion carried 5 - 0.*

**COMMUNICATIONS AND DISCUSSION:**

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

Motion carried 5 - 0.

Meeting adjourned at 5:31 p.m.