

MINUTES OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
July 19, 2021

The regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was called to order by Chairman James Hartshorne at 5:00 p.m. at 118 W. Cook Avenue.

Members present: Chairman James Hartshorne, Sarah Burger, Les Galo, Mike Kollman, and Casey Rooney.

Members absent: Tom Flader and John Robbins.

A quorum was established.

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

Commissioner Galo made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rooney, to approve the June 21, 2021, Historic Preservation Commission meeting minutes, as written.

Motion carried 5 – 0.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

**HPC 21-09 Village of Libertyville, Applicant.
Church Street Parking Garage Directional Signage.**

Request is for new signage.

Mr. John Spoden, Director of Community Development, presented the proposed Church Street Parking Garage Directional Signage. Mr. Spoden stated the Village is looking to install two freestanding signs that display “Free Garage Parking” – one to be located along Church Street and one to be located along Brainerd Avenue. Mr. Spoden stated the Village views the entrance along Church Street as the main entrance, while the entrance along Brainerd Avenue is secondary. Mr. Spoden stated there are two other areas to access the parking garage, but previous conditions do not allow signage to be displayed near those entrances. Mr. Spoden stated the Village hired Teska Associates to assist in the design of this project. Mr. Spoden stated the Parking Commission previously viewed the potential signage to be on the South side of Church Street, instead of along the North side. Mr. Spoden indicated that Teska proposed the signage along the North side of the street to capture most of the travelers accessing the site from Milwaukee Avenue. Mr. Spoden stated several other improvements include changing out a few of the banners along the light poles to advertise for the “Free Garage Parking”. Mr. Spoden stated the proposal includes a dual post,

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illuminated panel along Church Street. Mr. Spoden stated the background will be opaque so that the letters are the only portion shining through when illuminated. Mr. Spoden stated the sign along Brainerd Avenue will have a single-post that is non-illuminated. Chairman Hartshorne questioned how electric would be run to the sign. Mr. Spoden stated the electric would come from the nearby light posts underground. Commissioner Galo questioned why the sign along Brainerd Avenue is not installed before the entrance, noting the driver may miss their turn. Mr. Spoden stated that location was chosen because there was more area for the sign to be located and it would be easier to install with the Village owning the nearby land. Commissioner Galo noted how he likes the design and style of the signs. Commissioner Kollman questioned why the two signs have a different number of posts. Commissioner Kollman noted he likes the single post better for both signs. Commissioner Kollman noted the illumination of the sign on Church Street may be obnoxious and questioned if there is enough illumination from the nearby streetlamps. Commissioner Kollman questioned if it would be possible for the sign to be non-illuminated. Commissioner Rooney stated she did not like the idea of the illuminated sign near Cook Park. Commissioner Kollman noted it would take away from the beauty of Cook Park. Commissioner Galo stated he does not have an issue if the sign is on a single post or double post. He also noted he does not have an issue with the illumination details. Commissioner Kollman stated the sign is still within a pedestrian environment and that the illumination may be irritating. Chairman Hartshorne noted children may play on the sign. Commissioner Galo questioned the material of the sign. Mr. Spoden stated the sign will be constructed of aluminum. Commissioner Kollman questioned if the sign will be manufactured by Sternberg. Mr. Spoden stated the sign will not, but it will be designed to match closely. Commissioner Galo mentioned that Church Street isn't illuminated that well, but he still feels it would provide enough light for the sign.

Commissioner Kollman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rooney, to recommend the Village Board of Trustees approve the proposed Church Street Parking Garage Directional Signage, subject to the following conditions: 1) The sign base matches the existing Sternberg light standards, 2) The freestanding signs on Church Street and Brainerd Avenue are non-illuminated, and 3) The freestanding signs on Church Street and Brainerd Avenue are supported by a single post instead of two posts.

Motion carried 5 - 0.

COMMUNICATIONS AND DISCUSSION:

Mr. Sandine stated the newly elected Commissioner's will receive an email with more details on the Certified Local Government in the following weeks.

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

Motion carried 5 - 0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.