

HARWINTON HISTORIC DISTRICT & HISTORIC PROPERTIES COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING

Tuesday, October 16, 2012 – 7:00 p.m.

Present: Carole Romano, Roger Plaskett, Greg Marshall, Bree Gurin
Absent: Peter Brazaitis IV, Joann Cyr, Brian Nedley, Orrie Simko

A quorum was established and the meeting was opened at 7:07 p.m. by Chairman Romano.

MINUTES

Minutes of the September, 2012 meeting were approved as submitted.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to discuss.

BLIGHT ORDINANCE UPDATE

Tabled

WEBSITE UPDATE

Roger Plaskett completed the "Outstanding Citizen Award" section which dates back to 1975. There were 857 page views to date since our last meeting.

PUBLIC INPUT

None

OTHER BUSINESS

Historic District Outreach Project

Discussion resumed regarding the objective of this project and the content of the introductory letter. Roger felt that the first step should be to establish a clear objective and all members were in agreement on this point. Carole suggested conducting the project in four phases: Phase One would be an initial introductory letter stating the objective of the project; Phase Two would be to establish rapport; Phase Three would be the actual survey and Phase Four would be sharing the results. Greg suggested we introduce our plan to the selected districts and ask them what they would like to see covered in such a survey. Carole shared a draft of the introductory letter she created, which Bree will edit and submit to Commission members for review and further suggestions/discussion at our next meeting. Some of the topics Carole suggested be included in the survey are current issues facing other districts, the acquisition and incorporation of new properties into the districts and dealing with energy issues, i.e. solar panels, etc.

Realtor Inquiries

Carole has been receiving numerous calls from realtors with questions regarding the ramifications of owning a home in a historic district in Harwinton. *(There are currently four or five homes for sale in the districts.)* Carole suggested that we create a standard letter that can be emailed to realtors and prospective homeowners alike that will direct them to our website where they can find the information they are seeking.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm. The next regular scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 20, 2012 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bree Gurin, Secretary
Historic District & Historic Properties Commission

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