

Annual Report

Fiscal Year 2010

Minutes December 2009 - November 2010

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McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission
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The following meetings of the McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission will be held at **7:00 p.m.** at the McHenry County Government Center- Administration Building, Planning & Development Conference Room 206, 667 Ware Road, Woodstock, IL unless otherwise posted.

December 2, 2009

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McHenry County
Historic Preservation Commission Tentative Agenda
Wednesday, January 6, 2010
7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

=== MEETING CANCELLED ===

ROLL CALL

INTRODUCTION of GUEST(S):

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

REPORT BY CHAIRPERSON: Nick Chirikos

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- I. SURVEY: Bruce Randal
Special Projects: Rural Intensive Survey

- II. MUNICIPAL LIAISON: Gloria Mack, Dave Gervais
*Special Projects: Joint Council
Lincoln Bicentennial Program
Program Coordination*

- III. OLD HOUSE RESOURCES: Nick Chirikos, Laurie Selpien
*Special Projects: Old House Support Group
Victory Gardens*

- IV. COMMUNICATIONS/EDUCATION: Denise Collins
*Special Projects: Oak Program
Gazette*

- V. COMMUNICATIONS: Nick Chirikos
*Website
Public Relations*

- VI. SCENIC STREETS/ROADS: Trisha Doornbosch

REPORT FROM MCCD: Gail Brown

REPORT FROM PLANNING STAFF: Maryanne Wanaski

NEW BUSINESS: Election of Officers

OLD BUSINESS: Community Guide Grant Application
Photo Gallery

SUMMARY of ACTION ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

**MCHENRY COUNTY
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 3, 2010**

Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Denise Collins, Gloria Mack, Trisha Doornbosch, Laurie Selpien, Steve Greeley, Bruce Randall and David Gervais

Commissioners Absent: Nick Chirikos

Staff: Maryanne Wanaski

Call to Order

Ms. Brown called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Gervais, seconded by Mr. Greeley to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2009 HPC meeting. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Chairperson Report

No Report.

Standing Committee Reports

Survey

Mr. Randall spoke with Ms. Brown regarding the responsibilities of the Chairman of the Survey and Landmark Committee. They are going to try and contact property owners to see if they are interested in having their property landmarked. Mr. Randall stated he needs a better understanding of the restrictions for property owners so they understand what the limits are if they renovate.

Mr. Randall reported Ms. Brown and he toured the Powell property in Richmond that is slated for demolition. There are items that will be salvaged and Ms. Brown invited the Commission to help with the scavenging.

Municipal Liaison

Ms. Mack stated the Joint Council of Historic Groups will be held on March 24th at the Dole Mansion in Crystal Lake. The speaker will be Catherine O'Connor of IHPA.

Ms. Mack reported she met with the nominators of the Barber Cemetery. They discussed items needing to be addressed for the ceremony which will be held Saturday, April 17th. She explained to the nominators that the Commission will send the invitations and provide the program. Ms. Mack said she has arranged use of the Riley Township Hall for the reception. County Board member Mary McCann will present the plaque on behalf of the County.

Old House Resources

Victory Gardens

Ms. Selpien reported an e-mail was sent to County workers asking for volunteers to help with the County victory garden. There were 8 employees who responded. A planning meeting will be scheduled to discuss what will be required to start the garden. A deer fence will be a priority.

Old House Support Group

No report.

Communications / Education

Oak Program

Ms. Collins said she received a new laptop with Windows Vista and unfortunately, none of her publishing programs work with that software.

Mr. Randall told Ms. Collins that he has been approached by the Bull Valley Garden Club asking if she would present her oak presentation to them at their October meeting.

Scenic Roads Subcommittee

No Report.

Report from MCCD

Ms. Brown reported the Lost Valley Visitor center is progressing well and the grand opening will be in August.

Report from Staff

Ms. Wanaski referenced a letter from the Village of Cary stating they are not interested in having the Cary Cemetery plaqued.

Annual reports should be submitted to Ms. Wanaski in the next few weeks.

New Business

Election of Officers

Ms. Brown opened the floor for the election of officers.

Chairman

Motion by Ms. Mack seconded by Ms. Doornbosch to nominate Mr. Chirikos as Chairman of the Historic Preservation Commission. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. There were no other nominations.

Motion to close the nomination by Mr. Greeley, seconded by Ms. Selpien. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

The Commission unanimously voted Mr. Chirikos as Chairman.

Vice Chair

Motion by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Gervais to nominate Ms. Doornbosch as Vice Chair. There were no other nominations. The Commission unanimously voted Ms. Doornbosch as Vice Chair.

Secretary

Motion by Ms. Collins, seconded by Mr. Gervais to nominate Ms. Selpien as Secretary. There were no other nominations. The Commission unanimously voted Ms. Selpien as Secretary.

New Business

Ms. Mack discussed a picture of the Illinois 95th regiment taken at their reunion. One of the regiment flags will be delivered to the County to hang in the Administration Building. The picture will be on display next to the flag.

Mr. Gervais discussed the Walkup House that was partially destroyed by fire. This was the one of the Commission's landmarked houses. Mr. Walkup contacted Mr. Gervais regarding the reconstruction. Mr. Gervais suggested he contact Mr. Chirikos since he has more experience in this area.

Ms. Brown said she would like to have a hardcopy kept of the Commission's meeting minutes onsite. After discussion, the following motion was made:

Motion by Ms. Brown, seconded by Ms. Mack to have a hardcopy of the Commission's meeting minutes kept onsite in the Planning and Development library.

Motion amended by Ms. Brown, to keep the Commission's meeting minutes, one disk per year. Motion seconded by Ms. Mack. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Old Business

Community Guide Grant Application

Mr. Greeley reported he has been researching grant funding and has applied to the Community Foundation to get money for the Commission's historic community guide. He said he received a letter denying the request. The grant request to the Historic Preservation Fund Grant is still pending.

Mr. Gervais said if the Commission does not receive a grant for the community guide, they should think of other ways to fund it. Ms. Wanaski stated there is something called print on demand where a person can link to a website that has the material and buy a copy online with a credit card. This would cut printing costs for the Commission.

Photo Gallery

Ms. Wanaski informed the Commission there are a couple of landmark photos that could be hung on display.

Summary of action items

- Ms. Wanaski will get quotes on plaques for the photo gallery.

Voice recording for the Community Character PowerPoint presentation and possibly the oak presentation will be researched.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Gervais seconded by Ms. Selpien to adjourn. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

**MCHENRY COUNTY
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MARCH 3, 2010
MCHENRY COUNTY COLLEGE
CRYSTAL LAKE CAMPUS**

Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Nick Chirikos, Gloria Mack, Trisha Doornbosch, Laurie Selpien and Bruce Randall

Commissioners Absent: Gail Brown, Denise Collins, Steve Greeley and David Gervais

Staff: Maryanne Wanaski and Audrey Martin

Call to Order

Mr. Chirikos called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Chirikos questioned Ms. Brown's motion regarding the meeting minutes being kept onsite. He would like a specific place mentioned in the minutes. He also asked Mr. Randall to put his name on his Commission Reports.

Motion by Ms. Mack, seconded by Ms. Selpien to approve the minutes of the February 3rd HPC meeting as amended. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Chairperson Report

Mr. Chirikos handed in his 2009 annual report. His report was submitted in writing and is attached to these minutes. He thanked the Commission members for appointing him for another term as chairman. He also thanked Ms. Doornbosch for taking on the roll of Vice Chair and Ms. Selpien as secretary. He thanked Ms. Wanaski and Ms. Martin for all of their assistance and guidance.

Mr. Chirikos reminded the Commissioners to prepare their annual reports and turn them in by the end of the month.

Standing Committee Reports

Survey

Mr. Randall stated he will contact Ms. Brown to see how she puts together her annual report.

Municipal Liaison

Ms. Mack submitted her report in writing and it is attached to these minutes. She attempted to contact Catherine O'Connor regarding the Joint Council meeting, but her e-mail bounced back. She will try and contact her again.

The Barber Cemetery will be landmarked on April 17th. Invitations have been sent. There is a chance that Re- enactors from the Illinois 8th Calvary may have a carbine salute and a bugler to play taps. Ms. Wanaski will put in the order for the plaque that will be placed on the rock at the cemetery.

Mr. Chirikos inquired about a press release for the dedication. Ms. Mack said she is forwarding information to someone she spoke to at the Northwest Herald. Ms. Wanaski will send Ms. Mack the press release format that was used for the 2030 Plan press release.

Old House Resources

Victory Gardens

Ms. Selpien reported she is trying to schedule a meeting with the volunteers from the County to start planning the garden. There are ten people who volunteered. Ms. Selpien said she is looking into getting a deer fence. Ms. Wanaski volunteered to call the City of Woodstock to inquire about their requirements for fences.

Old House Support Group

Mr. Chirikos researched Grace Hall in Woodstock and demolition permits have not yet been issued but it is inevitable. There is a group of individuals who are trying to have the demolition reversed, and they are working with a group that is proposing the site as a local landmark.

All work done on homes and homes "child occupied" buildings built prior to 1978 will require workers to be certified by the EPA. This goes into effect on April 22, 2010 and this is important for people who repair and rehabilitate historic structures.

Mr. Chirikos submitted an article from the January issue of the *Eco-Structure* Magazine which is attached to these minutes. The article discusses the need to recognize common areas of interest and goals which the preservation community shares. He encouraged everyone to read the article once it is distributed with the minutes.

Communications / Education

Oak Program

Ms. Doornbosch will be assisting Mr. Chirikos in updating the website. The Commission meeting dates and minutes will be posted.

Mr. Chirikos reported that Ms. Collins will be presenting her Heritage Oak Program to the Bull Valley Garden Club in October.

Scenic Roads Subcommittee

Ms. Doornbosch stated she sent out a news release last week to the Northwest Herald, Chicago Tribune and the Woodstock Independent for scenic road nominations from the public. She will also send one to the Daily Herald. Ms. Doornbosch noted she forwarded the Joint Council meeting information to members of the Scenic Roads Committee.

Report from MCCD

No Report.

Report from Staff

Ms. Wanaski submitted a list of McHenry County historic preservation sites by parcel identification number (PIN) which is attached to these minutes. This is the list that is used by the Community Development Division staff to complete an environmental review of a property prior to entering into a contract for HUD funds.

Ms. Wanaski thanked the Commission members for coming to the 2030 plan presentation.

New Business

Ms. Doornbosch informed the Commission there is a bill (SB2629) in the Illinois General Assembly; historic preservation credits which provides for an income tax credit in an amount equal to 25% of qualified expenditures incurred by a qualified taxpayer. She asked if the Commission should consider passing a resolution endorsing this bill. This topic will be placed on the next agenda.

Old Business

None.

Summary of action items

- Ms. Wanaski will place an order for a plaque for the rock at Barber Cemetery.
- Ms. Wanaski will send Ms. Mack the press release format that was used for the 2030 Plan press release.
- Ms. Wanaski will call the City of Woodstock in regards to the requirements for the fence for the victory garden.

Adjournment

Motion by Ms. Mack seconded by Ms. Selpien to adjourn. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

**MCHENRY COUNTY
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
APRIL 7, 2010**

Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Nick Chirikos, Gloria Mack, Trisha Doornbosch, Laurie Selpien, Bruce Randall, Gail Brown, David Gervais, Denise Collins and Steve Greeley

Staff: Maryanne Wanaski and Audrey Martin

Call to Order

Mr. Chirikos called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Chirikos pointed out that under Old House Support Group, the last sentence should read "local landmark" instead of "national landmark". It was also noted that Mr. Gervais was not present at the meeting. Ms. Brown would like County designations shown on the *Sites by Plaque Number* handout.

Motion by Mr. Gervais, seconded by Ms. Mack to approve the March 3, 2010 Historic Preservation amended minutes. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Chairperson Report

Mr. Chirikos submitted a written report and it is attached to these minutes. He attended the March 24th Joint Council meeting. He stated that Ms. O'Conner, from Illinois Historic Preservation Agency (IHPA,) remarked that of all the historic groups in Illinois, we are one of the few that has a council that is active and meets on a regular basis.

Standing Committee Reports

Survey

Ms. Brown submitted her annual report. Mr. Randall submitted his report in writing and it is attached to these minutes. He reported he has received two landmark nominations. The first property is located at 4112 County Club Road in Ridgefield. The house is owned by Karen Dominski. He is waiting to hear back from Ms. Dominski before he visits the property. The second property is the Alden Mill. The owner, Ms. Endres, would like to continue with land marking her property. Mr. Gervais left the room during this discussion due to a conflict of interest. Her house encroaches on the new right-of-way of Alden Road which is being widened. She submitted her Plat of Vacation to the Commission so they can proceed. The County has vacated their right to the land that runs in her living room.

Ms. Wanaski submitted another property for possible land marking to Mr. Randall. Mr. Randall discussed the possibility of having potential Eagle Scouts help with the rural intensive survey. He thinks it would be a great Eagle Scout project. The Commission discussed both the advantages and disadvantages of this. Ms. Wanaski questioned the

County's electronic policy and Ms. Doornbosch was concerned with sending minors out into rural areas. The possibility of having the scouts work in the office was also discussed.

Motion by Mr. Randall, seconded by Ms. Brown to research the feasibility of using the rural intensive project as an Eagle Scout project.

Ms. Wanaski would like to get clearance from the County regarding the electronic policy and Ms. Brown will arrange to get methodology for doing the survey.

All members present, with the exception of Ms. Doornbosch, voting aye. Motion carried.

Ms. Brown explained the MCCD policy that any structure they remove is photographed and documented and is sent to the Historical Society. Ms. Brown stated there are properties at MCCD that are slated for demolition. She submitted pictures and they are attached to these minutes. The first one is at Lusky-Marsh. The house is a 1930's house, the roof is in disrepair and water has been running through the middle of the house.

Property number two is at Rush Creek. It is a brick ranch house that has a driveway that has rotted railroad ties holding up the side of the driveway. The driveway is caving in and they estimate it will cost over \$20,000 to make it safe. MCCD has decided to take it down. The third house is in the Lake in the Hills fen on Randall Road. Both the barn and the house are falling down. Ms. Brown invited Mr. Chirikos to come visit the properties. He is upset that houses are being torn down that could be saved.

Municipal Liaison

Ms. Mack submitted her report in writing and it is attached. She attended the Joint Council meeting on March 24th and said it was very successful. She noted there will be a seminar on June 18th at the Dole Mansion. Ms. O'Connor will return and be one of the speakers.

The Barber Cemetery land marking ceremony is all set to go. Ms. Mack submitted the program information to Ms. Brown. Ms. Mack received a call from a Lieutenant Colonel from the 5th Armor Calvary. He and another soldier will present a flag on behalf of the United States and their Army Reserve Unit to the Barber family members.

Old House Resources

Old House Support Group

Mr. Chirikos received a call from the owner of the House of Seven Gables. The owner said he was done with his remodeling and wanted to do some additional work on the front of the house. Mr. Chirikos asked him send him pictures and clarify what he wants do to.

Victory Gardens

Ms. Selpien submitted her report in writing and it is attached. She stated the deer fence has been approved. She asked the Commission for suggestions on how to get sponsors for the garden. There will be additional costs for the garden such as hoses for watering, paths, etc. The volunteers have asked for a storage bench to store garden tools.

Motion by Ms. Mack, seconded by Mr. Gervais to spend \$150 to pay for the materials for the County's victory garden.

Mr. Chirikos suggested raising the amount to \$200. Ms. Mack amended her motion to \$200. A Roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Brown: aye, Ms. Mack: aye, Mr. Gervais: aye, Ms. Collins: aye, Ms. Selpien: aye, Mr. Randall: aye, Ms. Doornbosch: aye, Mr. Greeley: aye, Mr. Chirikos: aye. Motion passes.

Ms. Selpien has been in contact with various garden centers about starting a "grow a row for our local food pantries" program. This would involve distributing posters to the garden centers and having a list of food pantries available to the public. She submitted artwork for the posters. The County will order card stock to print the posters.

Communications / Education

Oak Program

Ms. Collins reported she will be presenting her oak presentation to the Bull Valley Garden Club.

Communications

Web Site

Ms. Doornbosch submitted her report in writing and it is attached to these minutes. She is changing some wording on the web site regarding meeting dates and adding information about historic preservation legislation with a link to the LPCI & IHPA. She also posted information on the victory garden.

Mr. Chirikos received an e-mail from Grace Moline from the McHenry County Historical Society. She stated she was having a problem with the *contact us* e-mail link on the website. He contacted the web provider and they will be updating the current server.

Scenic Roads Subcommittee

Ms. Doornbosch spoke to the Bull Valley Village Clerk about nominating Fleming Road as a scenic road. The County is proposing to widen Fleming Road and she believes this is the motivation behind the nomination. She thought it would be nice if a loop route could be done hooking up the current scenic road Mason Hill to Fleming Road.

Report from MCCD

Ms. Brown reported the Oak Keepers study from 2009 has been tabulated. Oak Keepers are people who are trained to go to private owner sites that have a block of native oak trees. They found a property that has swamp white oaks off of Deerpass Road. The Oak Keepers mission is to educate homeowners on how to best care for the trees.

Report from Staff

Ms. Wanaski thanked the Commission for attending the 2030 Plan public meeting last month. She asked that annual reports be submitted this month. She mentioned the Walkup house, a Historic landmark, is in for permitting due to a fire. They are currently working the interior rehab.

New Business

Mr. Greeley stated the National Trust has a grant with a deadline of June 1st that the Commission will be eligible for to be used for brochures for the community guide. This is a true matching grant so we would need matching funds from the County which would amount to \$1250.

Ms. Doornbosch asked if the Commission was going to do a resolution supporting the Landmark Preservation Bill. Mr. Chirikos said he would research this and report back next month to the Commission.

Ms. Doornbosch asked about the cost of the meeting at the Dole Mansion being held on June 18th. The registration cost is \$30.

Motion by Ms. Brown, seconded by Ms. Collins that if Commission members want to attend the June 18th meeting at the Dole Mansion, the fees for the meeting will be paid by Commission.

After discussion, Ms. Brown amended the motion to read that if Commission members want to attend the June 18th meeting at the Dole Mansion, the fees will be paid by the Commission attending the meeting, total fees not to exceed \$30 per person.

Ms. Brown: aye, Ms. Mack: aye, Mr. Gervais: no, Ms. Collins: aye, Ms. Selpien: aye, Mr. Randall: aye, Ms. Doornbosch: aye, Mr. Greeley: aye, Mr. Chirikos: aye. Motion passes with one no vote.

Old Business

None.

Summary of action items

- Ms. Wanaski will get the information on the County's electronic policy
- Ms. Wanaski will check with the Risk Management Office to see if there is an issue using Eagle Scouts for the Rural Intensive Survey
- Card stock paper will be ordered for the grow a row posters
- Ms. Wanaski will get the Code to create a fillable form on the website for Ms. Doornbosch
- Ms. Wanaski will get permission for the matching grant for the community guide brochure of \$1250
- Commission name tags will be ordered for Ms. Doornbosch and Mr. Greeley

Adjournment

Motion by Ms. Mack, seconded by Mr. Randall to adjourn. All members present voting aye.
Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

**MCHENRY COUNTY
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MAY 5, 2010**

Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Nick Chirikos, Gloria Mack, Trisha Doornbosch, Laurie Selpien, Bruce Randall, Gail Brown, and Steve Greeley

Commissioners Absent: David Gervais and Denise Collins

Staff: Maryanne Wanaski and Audrey Martin

Guests: Jeff Young, McHenry County Division of Transportation and Barb Conley, a member of the Huntley Historical Society.

Call to Order

Ms. Doornbosch called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

Ms. Wanaski introduced Mr. Young. Mr. Young spoke to the Commission members about establishing a dialog with them regarding projects that the Division of Transportation (MCDOT) is working on.

Mr. Chirikos arrived at 7:14 p.m.

Mr. Young stated his division is most interested in historic properties that are adjacent to County highways. When the Division of Transportation does a project they go through a clearing house via the state and the State, through the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, looks for endangered species, etc. as well, as the having the Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) sign off on the project. If there is a property registered as historic at the County level, it does not necessarily mean it is registered at the state level. Ms. Wanaski suggested that when the Transportation Division requests clearance from the state, they send a copy of the request to the Commission at the same time. She also said she would speak to the County's Stormwater Engineer to request the Stormwater Commission consider a standing variation for historic properties when stormwater issues are raised due to road construction projects.

Mr. Young stated MCDOT has a five-year transportation plan on their website that the Commission can view and bring any concerns to MCDOT'S attention. Ms. Wanaski stated she will add Mr. Young to the Commission's mailing list so he will be aware of what the Commission will be discussing at their meetings. He will also be added as an ex-officio member of the Commission. She asked Mr. Young to add her to the list to receive MCDOT meeting packets as well. The Commission thanked Mr. Young for his time and noted they look forward to a productive working relationship.

Ms. Conley introduced herself to the Commission. She submitted a preservation trades resource list to the Commission. The list was compiled from Joint Council members who suggested contractors or a tradesperson who they have worked with who they would recommend. Tradesmen have also asked to be placed on the list through a response to a press release. The State's Attorney has approved the disclaimer on the website stating the list is a compilation of referrals only and not recommendations. The list will be updated periodically. As such, the list can be posted on the McHenry County Historic Preservation website.

Again, the Commission thanked Ms. Conley for her work.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Ms. Doornbosch, seconded by Mr. Greeley to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2010 McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Chairperson Report

Mr. Chirikos submitted his report in writing and it is attached to these minutes. He expressed his anger and sadness over the demolition of Grace Hall which is located in the City of Woodstock.

Standing Committee Reports

Survey

Mr. Randall submitted his report in writing and it is attached to these minutes. He spoke with Mrs. Endres who owns Alden Mill. She would like to nominate it for land marking. There was an issue with the parcel identification number but that has been resolved. Mr. Randall submitted photographs of the property. There is remodeling in progress at the house and some of the work is not sympathetic to the historic nature of the house. Ms. Endres has installed sliding glass doors and skylights. Ms. Brown stated the Commission should create an initial report based on discussion and photographs viewed at the Commission Meeting, it is the Survey Committee's recommendation they do not pursue land marking due to the alterations that have affected the historic integrity.

Mr. Randall stated he has an appointment with the owner of 4112 Ridgefield Road in Ridgefield to take some photographs. The building is 140 years old and the owner is interested in having it land marked. Mr. Randall will give her a nomination packet.

Mr. Randall received pictures of the Jadd barn on Flemming Road. He just received the packet and has not had an opportunity to review it. He will report on the Farm at the next meeting.

There was a brief discussion on how the Rural Intensive Survey is organized and carried out by the Commission.

Municipal Liaison

Ms. Mack submitted her report in writing and it is attached. The land marking ceremony at the Barber Cemetery went very well. Ms. Mack thanked everyone who contributed to

making it a success. She also thanked members of the Commission for attending the ceremony. There will be a CD of the ceremony available.

Ms. Mack presented Ringwood History for the McHenry Area Historical Society and she noted she has a few more things to take care of for the Bicentennial Committee.

Ms. Mack is the Chairman of a Civil War Committee that has restored three of the Illinois 95th flags. One of the flags will come to the McHenry County Administration Building. There will be a dedication ceremony on June 15th at 6:00 p.m. before the County Board Meeting.

Old House Resources

Victory Garden

Ms. Selpien stated the garden has been tilled and the poles are in the ground for the deer fence. A hose has been put in under the sod so the lawnmower will not run over it.

She went to Wal-Mart, Lowes and Meyers to put up the "Grow a Row" posters and was told she would be unable to do so because of corporate rules. The managers of the stores informed her there are community service grants that are available and the Commission should apply for them to help pay for the gardens. Mr. Greeley will research the grants for the Commission.

Old House Support Group

Mr. Chirikos reported that he went to till the garden, but the tiller did not work correctly and it started to rain.

Communications / Education

Oak Program

No Report.

Communications

Web Site

Mr. Chirikos would like to remove his e-mail address from the site. He is still receiving junk e-mails. Ms. Brown said the Commission has had a request from the Historical Society to update the comprehensive landmark list. Ms. Doornbosch will update that list. The site has been updated with information on the Barber Cemetery land marking.

Mr. Chirikos attended a seminar on Heritage Tourism in Marengo. He attended to learn more about the Tax Credit Bill. A description and the history of the bill are attached. He will be attending the Historic Preservation Commission Seminar at the Dole Mansion in Crystal Lake. He would like the Commission members to attend this seminar.

Scenic Roads Subcommittee

No report

Report from MCCD

Ms. Brown thanked Mr. Chirikos for visiting MCCD historic properties, the Powers Walkers house and the McConnell farm house.

Report from Staff

Ms. Wanaski asked the Commission if they would like to add grants to the Standing Committee reports on the agenda. The Commission agreed. Mr. Greeley stated the National Trust Grant is due on June 20th. He received an e-mail with suggested changes and will make those changes and resubmit. Ms. Wanaski said the request for matching funds will be on the Planning and Development Committee agenda. This grant is for the pamphlet.

New Business

None.

Old Business

None.

Summary of action items

- Ms. Wanaski will write a resolution for the National Trust Grant.
- Erie Landmark will be contacted to inquire about the corrected Barber Cemetery Plaque
- Mr. Young will be added as an ex-officio member of the Commission and he will be sent the minutes of the meetings
- Grants will be added to the standing committee reports on the agenda
- Commission stationery will sent to Mr. Randall
- A reminder will be sent to the Commission members for the civil war flag ceremony
- Ms. Doornbosch will be sent an updated landmark list.

Adjournment

Motion by Ms. Mack, seconded by Mr. Randall to adjourn. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

**MCHENRY COUNTY
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
June 2, 2010**

Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Nick Chirikos, Gloria Mack, Trisha Doornbosch, Laurie Selpien, Gail Brown, Denise Collins and David Gervais

Commissioners Absent: Bruce Randall and Steve Greeley

Staff: Maryanne Wanaski, Sean Foley and Audrey Martin

Guests: Michael Walkup

Call to Order

Mr. Chirikos called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Ms. Wanaski explained she will be moving into a new position in the department. She will work in the CDBG Division in charge of grants and state funding. She will be the liaison in name only until the end of the year. In her absence Mr. Foley may act as the liaison.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Gervais, seconded by Ms. Selpien to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2010 McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission. All members present, with one abstention from Mr. Gervais, voting aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Chirikos introduced Mr. Michael Walkup. He is the owner of one of the County's historic landmarks which recently had a fire. He wanted to let the Commission know what was happening with the reconstruction. He said the house has been gutted and this presents an opportunity to look at the structural aspects of the house. A new 2x4 frame structure will have to be built inside the stone walls. There are certain things the County will not do because they would result in code violations. One example is the 2nd floor windows. They are not up to current code. Mr. Gervais reminded Mr. Walkup about obtaining a Certificate of Appropriateness. Mr. Chirikos suggested videotaping the restoration.

After discussion, Mr. Walkup invited the Commission to his house to do a walk through. The Commission agreed to visit the property on June 7th at 5:00. Mr. Chirikos will get information on tax credits for historic houses for Mr. Walkup and the Commission will compose a letter requesting drawings from the architect.

Chairperson Report

Mr. Chirikos submitted his report in writing and it is attached. He stated that following last month's meeting in which Mr. Jeff Young attended, some of the Commission members were contacted by residents of Fleming Road where MCDOT is proposing an improvement

project. He said some residents are under the impression that if they landmark the road, it will prevent this work. Mr. Chirikos read a statement in which he stated "creating landmarks for the purpose of disturbing the purpose of another County department should not be a function of the Commission." Mr. Chirikos stated he had the impression some of the Fleming Road residents were blind sighted by the project but this is not the case. There is a website which lays out the project from start to finish.

Ms. Wanaski agreed there have been many rumors and misunderstandings about the project. She said this is just in the planning stage and there is not even a schematic of the design. They are just gathering public opinion at this point.

Mr. Chirikos presented a narrative preceding the scenic road application for Fleming Road that he received from Nancy Fike. Mr. Chirikos also submitted a nomination for the Jadd Barn. Mr. Randall will write a report on the barn. It was noted HPC does not only landmark the building, but the property.

Standing Committee Reports

Survey

Ms. Brown was contacted by the owners of the William Walkup House. There was a car accident and the concrete property marker was wrecked. The relatives of the person who died in the accident removed the piece of the marker that was broken when they came to the site to put flowers down. It has not recovered.

Municipal Liaison

Ms. Mack submitted her report in writing and it is attached. She said the Lincoln Bicentennial Tree Project is concluded. She delivered the Barber Cemetery plaque to the nominators and submitted a CD of the program. A dedication ceremony for the Civil War Flag will be held on Tuesday, June 15th at 6:00 p.m. in the County Administration Building.

Old House Resources

Old House Support Group

Mr. Chirikos reported that the preservation trades resource list has been posted under the Old House Resources page on the website.

Victory Gardens

The Victory Garden has been planted and is starting to look good.

Education

No Report.

Oak Program

The Commission discussed the criteria for the Heritage Grove Program. After discussion, Ms. Collins will research groves and report back via e-mail to the Commission.

The Gazette

It was decided the Gazette will be tabled.

Communications

Website

The web hosting and domain services the Commission uses for the website are going to expire in July. Currently, the Commission uses Traverse Global. Mr. Chirikos stated he has not been happy with their service. Their technical support is not available 24 hours and their annual fee is \$87.45. After some research, Mr. Chirikos found a company called Webhost4life. Their fees are \$59.40 for the first year with a renewal fee of \$10.00. The fee goes up to \$79.40 after a year.

Motion by Ms. Mack, seconded by Ms. Collins to transfer web hosting and domain registration services to the company, Webhost4life, not to exceed \$100.00 for one year of service. The roll call vote was as follows: Mr. Chirikos: aye, Ms. Brown: aye, Ms. Mack: aye, Mr. Gervais: aye, Ms. Collins: aye, Ms. Selpien: aye, Ms. Doornbosch: aye. Motion passes.

Public relations

Mr. Chirikos reported he attended the Recorder's 1st deed book ceremony at the County. He congratulated Phyllis Walters, her staff and Nancy Fike for their hard work. Ms. Collins suggested Mr. Chirikos send a letter of congratulations and thanks to Ms. Walters from the Commission.

Scenic Roads Subcommittee

Ms. Doornbosch stated she is still waiting for a nomination packet for Fleming Road.

Grants

Mr. Greeley was not present but sent an e-mail to the Commission. That e-mail is attached to the minutes. Ms. Wanaski stated the Planning and Development Committee is aware the Commission is applying for a grant which is a match for match to be paid out of the HPC budget. Ms. Wanaski cannot write the resolution until the grant has been awarded. She sent Mr. Greeley an e-mail verifying there is enough money in the budget to cover the \$1250 so he can include it in the grant application.

Report from MCCD

Ms. Brown reported there will be an ice cream social at the Powers Walkers House June 13th from noon to four.

Report from Staff

None

New Business

Ms. Doornbosch reported the Illinois Senate Bill SB2629 did not make it out of the Committee for a full house vote. This bill was for historic preservation income tax credits in an amount equal to 25% of qualified expenditures incurred by a qualified taxpayer.

Ms. Collins mentioned a book that was published on every farm that has been in existence in Greenwood Township. It can be ordered from Libby Aavang for \$35.00 dollars.

Motion Mr. Gervais seconded by Ms. Brown to purchase the new book about Greenwood farms, cost not to exceed \$40.00.

The roll call vote was as follows: Mr. Chirikos: aye, Ms. Brown: aye, Ms. Mack: aye, Mr. Gervais: aye, Ms. Collins: aye, Ms. Selpien: aye, Ms. Doornbosch: aye. Motion passes.

Old Business

The Commission discussed the landmark pictures on the wall in the Administration Building. Chuns Burying Ground, Barber Cemetery and the Trout Valley Gates still need to be hung. This item will be put on the next agenda as an action item under old business.

Mr. Chirikos noted the annual Historic Preservation Commission Seminar is going to be held June 18th at the Dole Mansion in Crystal Lake. He encouraged the Commission to attend. There is a \$30.00 fee which will be reimbursed for the Commissioners who attend.

Mr. Chirikos would like to investigate the possibility of an intergovernmental agreement with the Village of Fox River Grove for the purpose land marking Norge Ski Hill. Mr. Gervais and Ms. Mack will arrange to go to a Village meeting in July.

Mr. Chirikos asked the Commission if they would be able to assist the Historical Barn Preservation Association in their annual Barn Tour for 2010. It was decided to continue this discussion at the next meeting under old business.

Summary of action items

- Mr. Chirikos will supply Mr. Walkup with information on tax credits for historic houses and the Commission will compose a letter requesting drawings from his architect
- The Bicentennial Tree Project will be taken off the agenda
- Mr. Chirikos will send a thank you letter to Phyllis Walters, her staff and Nancy Fike for their work on the Recorder's 1st deed book.
- The McHenry County Historical Barn Association Annual Barn Tour will be added to the next agenda under Old Business.

Adjournment

Motion by Ms. Doornbosch, seconded by Ms. Mack to adjourn. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

McHenry County
Historic Preservation Commission *Tentative* Agenda
Wednesday, July 7, 2010
7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

INTRODUCTION of GUEST(S):

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

REPORT BY CHAIRPERSON: Nick Chirikos

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- I. SURVEY: Bruce Randal
Special Projects: Rural Intensive Survey

- II. MUNICIPAL LIAISON: Gloria Mack, Dave Gervais
*Special Projects: Joint Council
Program Coordination*

- III. OLD HOUSE RESOURCES: Nick Chirikos, Laurie Selpien
*Special Projects: Old House Support Group
Victory Gardens*

- IV. EDUCATION: Denise Collins
*Special Projects: Oak Program
Gazette*

- V. COMMUNICATIONS: Nick Chirikos
*Website
Public Relations*

- VI. SCENIC STREETS/ROADS: Trisha Doornbosch

- VII. GRANTS: Steve Greely

REPORT FROM MCCD: Gail Brown

REPORT FROM PLANNING STAFF: Maryanne Wanaski

NEW BUSINESS:

OLD BUSINESS: Photo gallery pictures
Barn Association merger/Annual Barn Tour

SUMMARY of ACTION ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

**MCHENRY COUNTY
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
August 4, 2010**

Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Nick Chirikos, Gloria Mack, Trisha Doornbosch, Laurie Selpien, Gail Brown, Denise Collins and Steve Greeley

Commissioners Absent: Bruce Randall and David Gervais

Staff: Sean Foley and Audrey Martin

Call to Order

Mr. Chirikos called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Ms. Brown, seconded by Ms. Mack to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2010 McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Chairperson Report

Mr. Chirikos stated he was unable to attend the Historic Preservation Commission Seminar at the Dole Mansion in Crystal Lake but is anxious to hear from other Commission members who attended.

Standing Committee Reports

Survey

No report.

Municipal Liaison

Ms. Mack stated because of problems with Erie Landmark Company, she looked into local companies for ordering plaques in the future. The two companies are Zoia in Woodstock and Adams in McHenry. Attached to the minutes are quotes from these two businesses. They both outsource, but either company uses Erie Landmark. The Commission agreed it was worth researching when it comes time to ordering a new plaque.

Motion by Ms. Brown, seconded by Ms. Collins to consider a local source for the next plaque the Commission orders. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Ms. Mack marched in the Crystal Lake Parade for the Crystal Lake Historical Society. She was contacted by the McHenry Landmark Commission who requested she meet with a sixth generation of the Peterson/Colby family to help her in obtaining charitable foundation status.

Old House Resources

Victory Gardens

Ms. Selpien stated she visited the victory gardens at Tom's Farm, the County Garden and the Barn. She took photographs and posted them on the web site. She visited the Christ United Methodist Church and found the garden in disarray. When she asked them if they wanted her to help restart the garden, they declined. It was discovered that the church received a discount from Tom's but the plants were never planted in their garden. They will not be asked to participate in the program again.

The Commission discussed other ways to avoid this happening in the future. Some suggestions were creating a memo of understanding or having some kind of contract. Ms. Collins suggested using the McHenry County Fair as a platform to promote the concept of the victory garden to encourage people to grow their own gardens and maybe pull back from the food pantry.

Old House Support Group

Mr. Chirikos said the Certificate of Appropriateness for the Walkup house has been reviewed and approved. He will be in contact with Mr. Walkup in the next month.

Education

No Report.

Oak Program

Ms. Collins presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Heritage Grove Program. The presentation focused on oak groves in McHenry County and how to go about nominating a grove.

Communications

Website

It was noted the home page is out of date and should be updated. It was also noted the link to historic landmarks does not work. Ms. Doornbosch will check for broken links. Mr. Chirikos asked the Commission to supply Ms. Doornbosch with information on a monthly basis to keep the site up-to-date.

Public relations

No report.

Scenic Roads Subcommittee

Ms. Doornbosch stated the application for Fleming Road has been stalled. Ms. Doornbosch attended a community group meeting for Fleming Road at the McHenry County Department of Transportation. There will be another meeting on August 24th. Mr. Chirikos stated there supposedly is a large oak grove on Fleming Road. He spoke to someone and encouraged them submit a Heritage Grove Application.

Grants

The Commission has received the grant in the amount of \$1,250 for the community guide.

Report from MCCD

Ms. Brown reported the grand opening of the Lost Valley Visitors Center will be August 14th from 10:00 a.m. -2:00 a.m.

Report from Staff

Mr. Foley stated he had the grant check and it will be deposited tomorrow.

New Business

Ms. Doornbosch stated the McHenry County Department of Transportation is planning to demolish a house down in Johnsburg to put in a roundabout. She expressed her disapproval of taking of a perfectly livable house and knocking it down. She would like the Commission to object and see if there is anything they can do.

Mr. Chirikos suggested she compose a letter to the editor objecting to the removal of the house and sign it from the Commission. She will draft a letter and e-mail it to the Commission for review.

Mr. Chirikos received an e-mail from a James Bellert who would like to put a geocache in Chunn's Burying Ground. He stated in the letter he has already obtained permission from Algonquin Township. A geocache is a type of object placed somewhere and people can pinpoint its location using GPS technology and then share the geocache's existence and location online. Anyone with a GPS unit can then try to locate the geocache. The Commission stated their objection to this. Mr. Chirikos would like to withhold judgment until he finds out more information such as what the impact would be on the cemetery.

Mr. Chirikos submitted two letters to be mailed, one to Nancy Fike and one to Phyllis Walters, thanking them for their efforts in preserving the County's first deed records volume.

Mr. Chirikos stated The Barn Association wants to do the barn tour in Bull Valley this year. He said Mr. Ken Fisk, a long time resident and one of the founders of the Association, gave him a list 12 barns, but the barns are difficult to locate because they are back in the woods. He asked the Commission for help in finding sources to help locate the barns. Ms. Brown suggested Ders Anderson and Ms. Collins said she would ask her husband. Mr. Chirikos has invited John Hammer, President of the Barn Association to address the Commission in the near future.

Old Business

None.

Summary of action items

- Ms. Doornbosch will draft a letter to the editor regarding a house in Johnsburg being demolished for the Commission to review.
- Mr. Chirikos will research information on geocaches.

Adjournment

Motion by Ms. Brown, seconded by Ms. Collins to adjourn. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

**MCHENRY COUNTY
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
September 1, 2010**

Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Nick Chirikos, Gloria Mack, Trisha Doornbosch, Laurie Selpien, Denise Collins, Bruce Randall and David Gervais

Commissioners Absent: Steve Greeley and Gail Brown

Staff: Sean Foley, Maryanne Wanaski and Audrey Martin

Call to Order

Mr. Chirikos called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Gervais, seconded by Ms. Doornbosch to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2010 McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Mr. Gervais abstained.

Chairperson Report

Mr. Chirikos stated he is looking forward to the harvesting of the County victory garden. The 7th annual barn tour is being held on Saturday, October 2nd. It will feature the barns of Bull Valley. He would like the Commission to think about how to assist other historic organizations and use the Commission's resources to make sure events are well attended and successful.

Standing Committee Reports

Survey

Mr. Randall stated he passed around pictures of a house in Ridgefield to the Commission in a previous meeting and the owner of the house is filling out the landmark nomination form. The owner would like the Commission's opinion if it is a good idea to apply. She doesn't want to go through all of the time to apply and then find out that it would not go through. He stated the house has been renovated and there are some things that do not go to the period of the house. The owner may be looking for grant money to upgrade the interior. Mr. Chirikos asked Mr. Randall to send the pictures again since it has been almost 2 months since he originally sent them. The Commission will then review them.

Municipal Liaison

Ms. Mack submitted her comments in writing. She purchased a CD of the Barber landmark ceremony to be put into the landmark file. Copies of the Joint Council flier were made and sent out for the September 22nd meeting. She spoke to the director of the Military Museum at Camp Lincoln in Springfield. He asked Ms. Mack to investigate cannon that was captured and brought back to Woodstock. Ms. Mack said the cannon was melted down, but there is a replica in front of the Woodstock Police station.

Old House Resources

Victory Gardens

Ms. Selpien stated she submitted a request to Lowes for grant money for the County victory garden and the request was turned down.

Old House Support Group

No report.

Education

Oak Program

Ms. Collins reported her oak program PowerPoint presentation is finished. The Commission discussed transferring the presentation to a DVD so it could be made available at local libraries for check out. Ms. Collins will work on removing the text and doing a voice over. She will present it to the Commission at the next meeting.

Ms. Collins is still working on the brochures, but is having trouble finding resources. She is going to bring what she has completed to the next meeting.

Communications

Website

Ms. Doornbosch stated she has been updating the website and making minor changes. She has included exhibits of the work and they are attached. She said she cannot find the non sepia photograph of Chunn's Burying Ground. Ms. Wanaski said she will send the PDF file to Ms. Doornbosch and Mr. Chirikos will send new text for the Chairman's message to be posted on the website each month.

Public relations

No report.

Scenic Roads Subcommittee

No report. Ms. Collins said she could prepare a PowerPoint presentation on the scenic roads in the County. Ms. Doornbosch said she could put together a presentation and send it to Ms. Collins.

Grants

No report.

Report from MCCD

No report.

Report from Staff

Ms. Wanaski mentioned the Commission has received the grant check for the brochures and it has been deposited. A resolution will go before the Planning and Development

Committee to take \$1250 from the 2010 budget and allocate it for the match. The Commission will end up with \$2500 for the brochures.

New Business - *Commission's position on the proposed highway improvement: Johnsburg Road/St. Johns Avenue/Chapel Hill Road roundabout and the imperiled historic residence at 2220 West Johnsburg Road, Johnsburg.*

It was stated the Commission does not have a letter of understanding with Johnsburg. Ms. Doornbosch submitted a written report and it is attached to these minutes. The report summarizes there are no historic or cultural impacts from the project and it does not appear to have any significant history worthy of preserving. Because of these and other reasons, the Commission will take no further action regarding this property.

The Commission discussed how to make MCDOT more aware of historic areas in the County that road projects might conflict with. MCDOT does not know where the historic areas of the County are. If they knew where these areas were, they could present that information to the Commission. Mr. Foley said he would work on a preliminary map with the historic areas that could be made available to MCDOT.

Old Business

None.

Summary of action items

- Ms. Collins will work on updating the Oak PowerPoint presentation with a voice over commentary.
- Mr. Randall will send pictures of a house in Ridgefield that the owner would like to nominate for landmark status.
- Mr. Foley will work on creating a map that shows historic areas for MCDOT.

Adjournment

Motion by, Ms. Mack seconded by Mr. Gervais to adjourn. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

**MCHENRY COUNTY
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
October 6, 2010**

Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Gloria Mack, Laurie Selpien, Denise Collins, Bruce Randall and David Gervais

Commissioners Absent: Gail Brown, Trisha Doornbosch and Nick Chirikos.

Staff: Sean Foley and Audrey Martin

Call to Order

Ms. Collins called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Gervais, seconded by Ms. Mack to approve the minutes of the September 1, 2010 McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission meeting. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Chairperson Report

No report.

Standing Committee Reports

Survey

Mr. Randall said since the leaves are falling from the trees, it is a good time to take the photographs. He is going to meet with Ms. Wanaski in Planning and Development to learn about the PIN sheets. He said he is going to go out on a Saturday, hopefully with Ms. Brown, and take some pictures to judge how long it is going to take and get some idea of how many people he needs to recruit.

Municipal Liaison

Ms. Mack submitted her report in writing and it is attached. The Joint Council of Historic Groups meeting was very well attended. Information on the Northern Illinois Quilt Fest was distributed and is also attached. Ms. Selpien spoke at the Meeting on the victory garden.

Mr. Gervais mentioned Ms. Betty Freidman passed away and left some artifacts to the Cary Grove Historical Society. The Historical Society does not have space to store them, so they went to the Mayor to ask if he knew of a place to store the articles. The Mayor went to Ms. Freidman's nephew and the artifacts are now in the possession of the Village of Cary. The Village is not responding to the Historical Society requests of helping them manage the artifacts. Mr. Gervais said there is a meeting scheduled tomorrow with the Village and he hopes the Commission can give some moral support to the Cary Grove Historical Society.

Old House Resources

Victory Gardens

Ms. Selpien informed the Commission that one of the two County employees who kept the records for the County victory garden was terminated and she has the journal of the garden. Mr. Foley said he would inquire about getting in touch with her. It is estimated the garden has produced 125-150 pounds, and Tom's Garden has produced about 100 pounds. The hose has been blown out and capped for the season.

Old House Support Group

No report.

Education

Oak Program

Ms. Collins presented her oak presentation for the Bull Valley Garden Club and they were very receptive. She will have her full report on this next month. She said they had to track down a PowerPoint projector and would like the Commission to think about buying one or applying for a grant to obtain one.

She stated she is going to put voiceovers on both the Community Character presentation and the Heritage Grove Program. She would like publish the presentations on DVDs and place them in libraries for people to check out. There could be one for scenic roads, heritage grove, and landmarks, or they could be put on one DVD. The landmarks could be done as a slideshow on a DVD.

Communications

Website

No report.

Public Relations

No report.

Scenic Roads Subcommittee

No report.

Grants

No report.

Report from MCCD

No report.

Report from Staff

Mr. Foley reported he gave Ms. Doornbosch a copy of the Heritage Grove brochure and she had sent him an updated comprehensive landmark list which he converted to a PDF and then sent back to her. He presented a copy of the Resolution from the September 21st County Board meeting for the grant the Commission received for the community guide. A

copy is attached. Mr. Foley reported he has starting working on the GIS layers discussed at the last meeting.

New Business

Ms. Mack asked for the Commission's budget and the expenditures. It was mentioned that a letter be sent to the Joint Council members to ask for their input regarding the Commission's informational brochure.

Old Business

None.

Summary of action items

None.

The Commission discussed the location of their December meeting. It was decided to have it at Pirros located in Woodstock.

Motion by Ms. Mack, seconded by Mr. Gervais to hold the December Historic Preservation Commission meeting at Pirros Restaurant in Woodstock on December 1st. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Motion by, Ms. Mack seconded by Mr. Gervais to adjourn. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

**MCHENRY COUNTY
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
November 3, 2010**

Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Nick Chirikos, Gloria Mack, Trisha Doornbosch, Laurie Selpien, David Gervais, Gail Brown and Steve Greeley

Commissioners Absent: Bruce Randall and Denise Collins

Staff: Sean Foley and Audrey Martin

Guest: Lisa Halma Rhoades

Call to Order

Mr. Chirikos called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Gervais, seconded by Ms. Mack to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2010 McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Gervais complimented Ms. Martin on the minutes. He said they are very easy to read and contain a nice balance of content. Everyone was in full agreement.

Chairperson Report

Mr. Chirikos submitted a written report (attached). He thanked the Commission for all of their accomplishments and hard work during the year. He said the Commission should be very proud.

Scenic Roads Subcommittee

Fleming Road Application

Mr. Chirikos introduced Ms. Lisa Rhoades, who submitted a scenic road application for the nomination of Fleming Road. Ms. Rhoades stated she came to the meeting to answer any questions the Commission may have in regard to her application.

Mr. Gervais stated he was concerned with Ms. Rhoades's comments concerning speed zones. He said the Commission does not have any control and will not be involved in speed regulations. Ms. Rhoades replied she understands the Commission's position and appreciates what the Commission does.

Ms. Doornbosch said she is the only one who has seen the application because, as the Scenic Road Chairperson, she reviews the applications and then brings them back to the Commission for discussion. She told Ms. Rhoades that she had some comments she wanted to make regarding changes to the application. She submitted a memo to Ms. Rhoades

(attached) which explains what sorts of information she would like changed in the application.

There was also discussion regarding the application being copywrited. Mr. Greeley mentioned once the application is submitted, it becomes public domain. Ms. Rhoades said she had sent out some earlier drafts and people were sending her comments and she did not know how they obtained copies and that is why she had it copywrited. Ms. Rhoades will make the suggested changes to the application and resubmit. The Commission thanked her for coming to the meeting.

Standing Committee Reports

Survey

No report.

Municipal Liaison

Ms. Mack submitted her report in writing and it is attached. She reported on the Northern Illinois meeting of the Polly Crandall Questers at the Colonel Palmer House, the Trail of History, and the Civil War Sesquicentennial project which consists of growing a Civil War garden.

Ms. Mack asked about designating funds for the rural intensive survey. After discussion, Mr. Gervais suggested having this as an agenda item next month to see if they should seek an intern and what training would be involved.

The Commission then discussed the photographs of the Barber Cemetery, Chunn's Burial Ground and the Trout Valley Gates that should to be mounted on the wall with the other landmarks.

Motion by Mr. Gervais, seconded by Mr. Greeley to spend an amount, not to exceed \$600, to complete the display in the Administration Building for the Barber Cemetery, Chunn's Burial Ground and the Cary Trout Valley Gate. The motion was unanimously approved by a voice vote.

Old House Resources

Victory Gardens

No report.

Old House Support Group

No report.

Ms. Brown mentioned that the Rotary in Richmond planted a garden at the Richmond Township Offices. The garden is maintained by the Rotary and the produce is donated to the local food pantry.

Education

Oak Program

No report.

Ms. Martin told the Commission that Ms. Collins reported to her that she has received four responses from the mailing that was sent out to the Joint Council asking for information for the resource booklet.

Communications

Website

No report.

Public relations

No report.

Grants

No report.

Report from MCCD

The State Convention for Questers International was held in Crystal Lake. The State's President Award went to the Powers Walkers House project. They are renovating the parents' bedroom and they are making a corn shuck filled mattress. Ms. Brown was asked to take pictures and speak at the convention representing Mary Powers. This coming Sunday, there will be a Harvest Fest Program at the Powers Walkers House.

Report from Staff

Mr. Foley showed the Commission a large colored map of the County showing landmarks that have been plaqued and potential landmarks. They discussed landmarks that should be on the map as well as putting the word "lost" next to ones that no longer exist. Mr. Gervais suggested having the scenic roads shown as bolded as well as showing potential scenic roads.

New Business

December 2009 to October 2010 Expenditures

The Commission reviewed the expenditures. Mr. Gervais noted that there was not much money utilized for conferences. Mr. Chirikos stated they should start looking more closely at the budget and possibly report on it on a monthly basis. The money should be used to further the goals of the Commission.

Old Business

None.

Mr. Chirikos stated that the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency is doing a five-year State planning document and are going to interview Mr. Chirikos as the Chairman of the Commission. He posed the questions to the Commission to get their feedback in order to help him answer the questions. The copy of the memo from Karen Fitzgerald is attached.

They all agreed the best way the IHPA could help the Commission is with the rural intensive survey.

Mr. Chirikos commented on the cemetery vandalism that took place in McHenry. He would like to write a letter of condemnation on behalf of the Commission and submit it to the local newspaper. He will send a copy to the Commission once it is written for their comments.

Summary of action items

- The Commission approved a motion to approve the expenditure not to exceed \$600 to complete the display in the Administration Building for the Barber Cemetery, Chunn's Burial Ground and the Cary Trout Valley Gate.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Gervais seconded by Ms. Selpien to adjourn. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

**MCHENRY COUNTY
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
December 1, 2010**

Commissioners Present: Gail Brown, Nick Chirikos, Steve Greeley and Gloria Mack

Commissioners Absent: Bruce Randall, Denise Collins, David Gervais, Trisha Doornbosch and Laurie Selpien

Staff: Sean Foley, Maryanne Wanaski, Dennis Sandquist and Audrey Martin

Roll Call

Due to lack of a quorum, no business was discussed.