



## Meeting Minutes

### Historic Preservation Commission

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Thursday, September 22, 2022

7:00 PM

Meeting Room B

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TO PROVIDE LIVE PUBLIC COMMENT, TESTIMONY, OR TO CROSS-EXAMINE WITNESSES DURING THE MEETING: To address the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) in-person during the meeting in Meeting Room B, members of the public will be called on during the meeting by the Chairman.

TO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS OR MATERIALS:

1. You may submit written comments to [planning@naperville.il.us](mailto:planning@naperville.il.us) in advance of the meeting. (Please note, because emailed written comments are available for advance review by the HPC, they will not be read into the record during the HPC hearing). Below are the deadlines for written comments provided in advance of the meeting:
  - Written comments received by 5:00 p.m. the Thursday before the meeting, will be included in the meeting packet sent to the HPC. This meeting packet is also posted on the City's website.
  - Written comments received after 5:00 p.m. the Thursday before the meeting, through 5:00 p.m. the day before the meeting, will be emailed directly to the HPC, but will not be included in the HPC packet or posted online.
  - Written comments received after 5:00 p.m. the day before the meeting, will be added to the case file.

PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION:

Any individual who may require an accommodation to listen to or participate in the meeting should contact the Community Services Department at (630) 305-5300 as soon as possible, but no later than by 5 p.m. on the day of the meeting.

PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES:

The citizen participation guidelines are outlined in 1-5-6-6: - CITIZEN PARTICIPATION of the Naperville Municipal Code.

- **ALL VIEWPOINTS AND OPINIONS WELCOME:** All viewpoints are welcome, positive comments and constructive criticism are encouraged. Speakers must refrain from harassing or directing threats or personal attacks at Commission members, staff, other speakers or members of the public. Comments made to intentionally disrupt the meeting may be managed as necessary to maintain appropriate decorum and allow for city business to be accomplished.
- The HPC will call on you at the appropriate time during the meeting to speak. Once you are called on, you may identify yourself for the public record and address remarks to the Historic Preservation Commission as a whole. Speak clearly and try to limit remarks directly to the matter under discussion.

#### A. CALL TO ORDER:

**B. ROLL CALL:**

**Present:** Franczyk, Chairman Jacks, Councilman Kelly (non-voting), Vice Chairwoman Ory, Santucci, and Wills

**Absent:** Brown, Fawell, Garrison (Secretary), Losurdo, and Sack (non-voting)

**C. PUBLIC FORUM:**

Bill Simon, Naperville Preservation Inc., updated the Commission about the Suburban Preservation Alliance meeting that was held by Naperville Preservation Inc. and Landmarks Illinois at the local landmark Naperville Women's Club. Simon also noted that a City Councilmember stated there would be some work done on the light poles in the Historic District and that Naperville Preservation Inc. will be hosting a future tour of Naper Settlement's archives. Simon asked if the light poles will be reviewed by the Commission.

Philip Buchanan updated the Commission about the Suburban Preservation Alliance meeting. Buchanan recommended people to visit North Central College's mid-century modern gallery. Buchanan also commented that Blair Kamin spoke about architecture in Naperville at a North Central College event.

Councilman Kelly responded that the light poles will be upgraded to LED fixtures and will be the same style as the existing light poles.

Commissioner Franczyk commented that the warmth of the new lights may change with the conversion to LED.

**D. OLD BUSINESS:****1. Provide direction on the Historic District banners**

Bill Simon, Naperville Preservation Inc., likes the 119 N. Brainard Street banner as is and recommended that the 409 E. Chicago Avenue banner be on a different color background and to add more detail on the windows.

Commissioner Franczyk recommended adding a point on the map showing where the banner is located, making the banners more cohesive with one or two colors, and having one side of each banner include the Historic District map with a URL or QR code at the bottom.

Commissioner Wills noted ECHO preferred the 5 N. Columbia Street banner based on their public comment, North Central College's

banners are a simple style, and that the map may be difficult to read.

Chairman Jacks agreed that the map design may not be viable.

Vice Chairwoman Ory respectfully disagreed, and stated the map was viable and that the location marker on the map connects the viewer with where they are in the Historic District. Vice Chairwoman Ory also noted that the location marker is powerful and connects you with the Historic District.

Commissioner Wills recommended putting the QR code on something else at the base of the light pole.

Commissioner Franczyk responded that the QR code could be scanned by someone walking by, but drivers may not use the tool.

Councilman Kelly commented that he liked the map design and preferred the light blue background, that the map design should be located at the four corners of the Historic District and would defer to ECHO on the architectural design banner.

Commissioner Franczyk recommended the same blue background with white text be incorporated on all banners to be cohesive.

Chairman Jacks commented that the 5 N. Columbia Street shingle element may be difficult to see, the 144 S. Sleight Street element is not seen very frequently in the Historic District, and the 119 N. Brainard Street element is more common in the Historic District. Chairman Jacks also noted agreement with the recommendation to have white accents and blue background for all banners.

Vice Chairwoman Ory summarized the Commission's requests: four designs with five copies of each design, all banners will have the map with a QR code on one side, and the opposite side will have the architectural detail. Vice Chairwoman Ory listed the banners to be used include 119 N. Brainard Street, 110 S. Sleight Street changed to have the same blue background, 5 N. Columbia Street with the pattern reworked to be white and not behind the text, and 409 E. Chicago Avenue with the same blue background as the other banners and the windows edited to add more detail.

Commissioner Franczyk added that "Naperville Historic District" should be in the same location on all banners. Commissioner Franczyk also commented that the 110 S. Sleight Street feature should be edited to remove the portions on the side, so it is sized

similarly to the other architectural features.

Vice Chairwoman Ory commented that the 15 S. Sleight Street design does not match the other architectural feature banner designs.

Chairman Jacks agreed and noted that 329 School Street would be difficult to see compared to the other designs.

Commissioner Franczyk brought up the color choice for the banner and asked Alma Recendez, FASTSIGNS, about which color was used for the light blue.

Alma Recendez responded the light blue is #005696.

Commissioner Santucci recommended seeing the size of the banner and how the designs would appear to scale on the full-size banner. Commissioner Santucci also asked what the expected life of the banner is.

Alma Recendez estimated the banners would last a few years.

Vice Chairwoman Ory asked about next steps in the banner process.

Kathleen Russell, Community Planner, responded that a final vote is not needed, FASTSIGNS would revise the designs, and the Communications Division would review the final designs. Russell asked what the QR code would link to.

Councilman Kelly noted there is a walking tour published by Naper Settlement of the downtown, but that the QR code could link to the City's Historic District website.

Commissioner Franczyk asked the reasoning for fonts used in the designs.

Alma Recendez responded that the fonts were based on other Naperville publications.

Chairman Jacks summarized the requested banners include 20 banners total, 5 of each design, 119 N. Brainard Street, 110 S. Sleight Street, 5 N. Columbia Street, and 409 E. Chicago Avenue with the revisions described in the initial summary by Vice Chairwoman Ory, and the other side of the banner will be the map of the Historic District, the QR code instead of the Naperville logo, and a location marker. Chairman Jacks also noted all banners would be color

#005696 and will have "Naperville Historic District" in the same location.

Philip Buchanan asked if the SECA logo would be added to the banner because of the funding.

Councilman Kelly responded that the funding for the banners was through the general fund.

Chairman Jacks noted the prior banners did not have the SECA logo.

Alma Recendez asked if the locations of the banners are finalized.

Kathleen Russell responded that staff will work with the Department of Public Works to determine the locations.

The Commissioners all agreed with Chairman Jacks final summary through a voice vote.

## **E. CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS**

## **F. REPORTS**

1. Approve the minutes of the July 28, 2022, Historic Preservation Commission meeting

**A motion was made by Vice Chairwoman Ory seconded by Commissioner Franczyk to approve the minutes of the July 28, 2022, Historic Preservation Commission meeting.**

**Aye: Franczyk, Chairman Jacks, Vice Chairwoman Ory, Santucci, and Wills**

**Nays: None**

## **G. NEW BUSINESS:**

## **H. ADJOURNMENT:**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Santucci seconded by Vice Chairwoman Ory to adjourn the September 22, 2022, Historic Preservation Commission meeting at 7:41 pm.**

**Aye: Franczyk, Chairman Jacks, Vice Chairwoman Ory, Santucci, and Wills**

**Nays: None**