

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION OF THE VILLAGE OF MONTEBELLO WAS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 26, 2010 AT VILLAGE HALL. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:15 PM FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Roll call.

Members Present: Kathryn Cupak
Hannelore Renud-Acting Chairperson
Lisa Levin
Lois Williams-Ad Hoc
Jack Muchnick

Others Present: Warren E. Berbit, Village Attorney
Craig Long-Village Historian
Jill Fisher-Architectural Historian

Members Absent: Josephine Bracken-Chairwoman

Recording Secretary: Shelly Flanagan-Ramos-Deputy Village Clerk

Resolution: 10-006

Village of Montebello

Title: Approval of Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED, the Minutes of the Meetings of the Historic Preservation Commission of February 24, 2010 be and are hereby approved.

Motion: Member Cupak

Second: Member Levin

Upon vote, the resolution carried unanimously

Resolution: 10-007

Village of Montebello

Title: Approval of Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED, the Minutes of the Meetings of the Historic Preservation Commission of March 24, 2010 be and are hereby approved.

Motion: Member Cupak

Second: Member Williams

Upon vote, the resolution carried unanimously

Resolution: 10-008

Village of Montebello

Title: Approval of Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED, the Minutes of the Meetings of the Historic Preservation Commission of March 26, 2010 be and are hereby approved.

Motion: Member Williams

Second: Member Levin

Upon vote, the resolution carried unanimously

Resolution: 10-009

Village of Montebello

Title: Approval of Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED, the Minutes of the Meetings of the Historic Preservation Commission of April 28, 2010 be and are hereby approved.

Motion: Member Muchnick

Second: Member Levin

Upon vote, the resolution carried unanimously.

Ms. Jill Fisher, from Larson Fisher Associates reported on the status of the architectural survey and indicated that she would make the timing necessary to meet the next grant application. There appeared to be a consensus that although the timing should be maintained, the HPC should not slavishly rush an application just because of the timing, versus substantively carefully considering what the next direction should be.

Ms. Fisher presented 8 tentative recommendations, which she perceived to be the culmination, and perhaps most important aspect of her work. A discussion ensued whereby it appeared that the HPC considered a sound and detailed cataloguing of the historical and architectural importance of all properties or districts worthy of mention, to be the key ingredients. This would thus be preserved for posterity and future research, and would guide the HPC on future designations, whether initiated by the HPC or outside applicants. A spirited dialogue ensued, tilting the orientation more towards the HPC's intent or expectation. Also, to help foster overall acceptance, and given Ms. Fisher's upfront stated flexibility on the mode of presentation, it was agreed that "Recommended Actions" should be less affirmatively worded: e.g., "X is a potential candidate for designation" vs. "should be nominated...",etc.

Maybe 40 or 50 properties will receive special mention. Also districts, such as the Borsodi School of Living (Bayard Lane), and even more contemporary areas which are representative of an era, such as a mid 1950's development, and early 70's development of redwood high ranches with corner windows, an earlier in the century village pattern district in the Orchard St. area, and even the Executive I and II office buildings. The remaining farmhouses from the 1800's were also deemed as quite important, as were the country retreat homes of the later 1800's, early 1900's, and the many rock walls.

The hope is that the effort and result will instill awareness, pride and a preservationist attitude in the owners of properties worth preserving. Jill shared, and will hopefully be able to make available, perhaps as appendices or links, design plans and recommendations emanating from communities in Minnesota demonstrating how classic homes can be expanded and made more conducive to modern living whilst preserving all facets of what makes them so special.

There is to be feedback regarding recommendations, and the HPC awaits the complete listing of catalogued properties for review, correction, expansion, etc. Ms. Fisher will

participate in at least one public hearing (presentation). There was some discussion of also having a power point presentation available for Montebello Day, and Ms. Fisher was amenable, but nobody knew precisely what date that might be.

Member Williams motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Member Cupak, motion carried unanimously.

Meeting ends 8:35 pm.