



**Village of Plainfield  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION (HPC)  
Record of Minutes**

**DATE:** January 22, 2009

**LOCATION:** Village Hall

Vice-Chairman Bortel called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

<b>Present:</b>	Commissioners Bortel, Bright, Derrick, Hendricksen, and Wright
<b>Absent:</b>	Chairman Lambert, and Commissioners Olsen and Spangler
<b>Also present:</b>	Sara Javoronok-Planner I Village of Plainfield, Donna Ryan-Secretary Village of Plainfield

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

Vice-Chairman Bortel stated that the 5 Minute Field Guide needed to be removed from the agenda since Chairman Lambert was not present at the meeting.

Commissioner Bright made a motion that the 5 Minute Field Guide be removed from the agenda  
Commissioner Hendricksen seconded the motion.

Vice-Chairman Bortel called for a voice vote and all the Commissioners were in favor.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: December 11, 2008**

Commissioner Wright made a motion that the Commission accept the minutes from the December 11, 2008 meeting as presented.

Commissioner Derrick seconded the motion.

Vice-Chairman Bortel called for a voice vote and all the Commissioners were in favor.

**CHAIR'S COMMENTS:**

None

**FIVE MINUTE FIELD GUIDE:**

Removed from Agenda

**COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Hendricksen asked about the progress for the signs for the East Side Historic District. Planner Javoronok stated she has not contacted the sign company again, but said she would do that prior to the next LDDC Meeting.

Vice-Chairman Bortel asked if anything has been heard from Public Works. Planner Javoronok stated that is still being worked on.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** (Items not on the Agenda)

None

### **STAFF REPORT**

Planner Javoronok summarized the staff report. There have been no Landmark or District Applications received. There has been one pre-application meeting for the Lockport Street Multiple Resources Historic District for the business corridor. No demolition applications have been received or approved. There are no changes to the Preservation Watch List and no new developments to report.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### ***Historic Preservation Commission Work Plan Update***

Planner Javoronok summarized the 2009/2010 Work Plan for the HPC that was reviewed by the HPC in the summer of 2008. There are a number of things the Commission has addressed to a certain degree, but she wanted to give an update and also address some of the items under the goals to reflect what the Commission is currently working on and some of the changes that have occurred since the Commission first looked at the plan. She made revisions to Goal #1, #2, #3, and #4. She also summarized the changes to the projects and tasks of the sub-committees.

She also highlighted the Planning Division's 2009/2010 Work Plan that was presented to the Village Board Committee of the Whole Workshop on January 12<sup>th</sup>. She highlighted the portions that relate to the HPC.

Planner Javoronok concluded her report and asked if there were any questions. Vice-Chairman Bortel asked about the status of the CLG. Planner Javoronok stated it should be some time in February. She contacted Katherine O'Connor at IHPA and she stated they mailed it to the National Park Service in January and that the Commission would hear back in about, or within 60 days. A discussion followed between Vice-Chairman Bortel and Planner Javoronok.

Commissioner Bright asked if the Rehabilitation Grant Program was just for individuals that own homes in Plainfield or would it also include the VPA's 1847 School House. Vice-Chairman Bortel stated it has to be either in a Historic District or Landmarked to be eligible for a rehab grant. Commissioner Bright asked if the Commission has ever thought about landmarking the school house. Planner Javoronok stated there has been discussions on landmarking it, but an application has not been submitted at this point. She further stated the School Board would need to sign off on the application. She suggested Commissioner Bright talk to Chairman Lambert about this.

Commissioner Wright mentioned the Main Street Corridor Plan that was in the 2009/2010 Planning Division Work Plan and stated that was not mentioned in the HPC Work Plan. He wondered if that could be included in the HPC Work Plan as a bullet item. Planner Javoronok stated that could be added to Goal #4.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### ***LDDC Committee***

Vice-Chairman Bortel stated the committee met in early January. They are working on the Lockport Street Corridor Historic District. It comprises the Arnold, Division, and Ingersoll parts of town. Commissioner Hendricksen and Vice-Chairman Bortel are working on the historical chain of titles from the present back to the 1890's. They also have done some of the historical work from the early beginnings up to when the fires were in 1892 and 1895. They will continue working on that.

#### ***Public Outreach Committee***

Commissioner Hendricksen stated at their last meeting they talked about and went through some potential walking tour brochures. They thought they could use the cemetery walks which could be re-worked into a walking tour that individuals could take on their own. They also spent some time with suggestions for the Plainfield Village website to help our Historic Preservation Area. They had some suggestions for the main page, as far as having some historical bullet points of the famous people that populated Plainfield.

Vice-Chairman Bortel suggested if in the future walking tours are made available to interested individuals possibly they could check out a tape player or an iPod where they could listen to the tour and comments by some one on either Public Outreach or LDDC. Commissioner Hendricksen stated they did talk about that, but that presents a

technological challenge at this point. Instead they would like to get some brochures and some packages out. He felt if there were brochures, they could be translated very easily into audio tours later. He mentioned individuals could walk through Settlers Park and look at the different markers depicting the history of Plainfield. They also talked about perhaps a "Ghost" tour – some of the buildings that no longer exist. Some of these buildings that are not here any longer could be described. They could be brought up to people's consciousness. He also said they talked about putting some GPS coordinates on some of these locations for people interested in that aspect.

Commissioner Derrick stated they did discuss a plan incorporating modern technology uploading an MP.3 file to the web page. She stated this is part of tying history to modern technology.

**DISCUSSION:**

None

**ADJOURN:**

Commissioner Bright made a motion that the Commission adjourn. Vice-Chairman Bortel seconded the motion. Vice-Chairman Bortel called for a voice vote. All the Commissioners were in favor.

Since there was no further business before the Commission, Vice-Chairman Bortel adjourned the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,  
*Carol Millan* - Recording Secretary