

Public participation is invited. **When called upon, please approach the microphone and state your name. Kindly limit your remarks to three (3) minutes.**

**VILLAGE OF VILLA PARK**  
**Villa Park Village Hall - COW Room**  
**20 S. Ardmore Avenue, 2nd Floor**  
**Villa Park, IL 60181**

**Historical Preservation Commission**

**October 3, 2024**

**7:30 PM**

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Commission Chair:

Commissioner: Jose Castillo, Joseph DeAntonis, Nancy Diver, Laurie LoCoco, and Khalid Sabri

- 1. Call to Order - Roll Call**
- 2. Approval of Minutes**
  - a. Approval of March 7, 2024 Minutes
- 3. Business**
  - a. Selection of Chairman
  - b. Establish 2025 Meeting Calendar
  - c. 2025 Historic Preservation Award Program
- 4. Public Comments**
- 5. Commissioner Comments**
- 6. Staff Liaison Comments**
- 7. Adjournment**

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**Historical Preservation Commission – March 7, 2024 7:30PM Minutes**

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Commission Chair: Carol Marcus

Commissioners: Jose Castillo, Joseph DeAntonis, Laurie LoCoco

Village Liaison Stephanie Barajas

This Meeting will be tape recorded

1. **Call to Order - Roll Call.** Carol called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. Commissioners Carol Marcus, Jose Castillo, Joseph DeAntonis, Laurie LoCoco were present. Director Marc McLaughlin substituted for Stephanie Barajas. Resident Joseph Amore attended the entire meeting.
2. **Public Comments on Agenda Items. None.**
3. **Amendments to the Agenda. None.**
4. **Approval of Minutes.** The last VPHPC meeting was May 2023. A vote was taken and VPHPC unanimously approved the May 2023 minutes. VPHPC did not meet in June, July, August, & September 2023 and the October & November 2023 meetings were canceled (no quorum).
5. **Old Business**
  - a. Bill Payment – Carol will submit payment for memberships,
  - b. Plaques and yard signs.
  - c. VPHPC 2024 budget was submitted.
6. **New Business Discussion**
  - a. 2024 Historic Preservations Program - review applications, if any. There were no Historic Plaque Applications submitted. There had been about 10 persons who had been given an application. Laurie suggested to send out a request for an application via social media. Carol commented that there is a February 1<sup>st</sup> cut off. Since VPHPC will only have one more meeting before historical Preservation Month, there is not enough time to recruit, research and coordinate activities. This year's theme is "Save the Past, Enrich the Future". Carol will prepare the proclamation. Marc asked when we would like to have the proclamation read at the Village Board meeting. It was decided to read it on April 22, 2024, Village Board Meeting.

Carol mentioned that many of the Historic Homes do not have their plaques displayed on the building. Some reasons could be because people moved and took the plaque, it blew away, contractors removed it, or it is being displayed inside the home. New owners may not even be aware that their house is historic. After some discussion, it was decided to write a letter to the homeowners. Joseph will draft a letter and VPHPC will start the process of reviewing it.

b. Commissioners & Village staff are requested to take the Strategic Plan survey. Feedback is important.

**7. Stewardship Review of Historic Village Owned Properties.**

a. Ardmore Avenue Station – 10 W. PARK. Carol commented that the Village painted the trim and cleaned off some of the building's rocks. The masonry chimney was untouched. Buckets of sand were sitting by the building and wondered if sandblasting was used to clean it. The building looked good for marketing photos on the Chamber's website.

**8. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items.** Joseph Amore, a resident of Villa Park, attended the meeting. He had attended a bicycle meeting at the City of Wheaton, IL and they conducted a concurrent ZOOM session. Many residents were able to benefit from the ZOOM presentation rather than just taping the meeting. Joseph Amore read the letter he sent to the Village of Villa Park requesting looking into using ZOOM for commission meeting. Marc will follow through on this suggestion. There is ZOOM capabilities in the COW room but a person would have to coordinate this effort and procedures developed.

**9. Commissioner Comments. None.**

**10. Chairman Comments**

- a. New Publication. Landmarks Preservation Relevancy Guide. The Guide is over 250 pages. Carol commented that there a movement to focus more on the building's significant history and story for National Register approval rather that reject it because the original historic materials are not present or it was remodeled over the years Two examples are the Sheldon Peck House in Lombard and Muddy Waters House in Chicago.
- b. Illinois State Historic Preservation Plan underway. Villa Park's comprehensive plan firm is conducting it. They also have done the strategic plan for Glen Ellyn, Downer's Grove, McHenry County and other area localities. They are highly rated.
- c. Attended a Suburban Preservation Alliance meeting in Maywood, IL at the rehabbed retirement home that was made into affordable housing. Maywood received the Richard Driehaus Foundation Preservation Award for this undertaking. Villa Park should be proud of the Ovaltine Development project.
- d. Funding for development has slowed down. Supply chain materials are difficult to get. The effects of COVID19 are still present.

- e. Many Chicago Loop office buildings are going rental as the trend is to work at home.
- f. Any comments regarding Villa Park Historic Preservation and the Comprehensive Plan? No one had any comments,
- g. Should VPHPC pursue CLG or Main Street programs in the next three to five years or in the long term? VPHPC felt that there is not a need for it in Villa Park and should respond to the needs of the community. VPHPC and village staff may need to review its merits in the strategic plan.
- h. VPPL had a speaker about Sears Catalog Homes.

**11. Liaison Comments.**

Marc mentioned that they received approval and are working on a GIS Map of the Houses & Landmarked Buildings that have a Historic Plaque.

**12. Adjournment**

Next scheduled VPHPC meeting is Thursday, April 4, 2024 at 7:30pm.

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# HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARD

VILLAGE OF VILLA PARK

HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Application: HP-25-\_\_\_

## SUBJECT PROPERTY INFORMATION

Property Address:

Applicant:

Applicant Address:

Applicant Email:

Owner(s) (if different from the Applicant):

Owner(s) Address:

Owner(s) Email:

Architect (name and address – if known):

Developer/Contractor (name and address – if known):

Year Built:

## BRIEF PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF STRUCTURE:

## BRIEF HISTORICAL/ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE OF STRUCTURE:

For questions or concerns, contact the Community & Economic Development Department.  
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## APPLICATION SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

- Current photographs of all sides of the structure/property
- Historical photographs of the structure/property (if available)
- Elevations of the structure/property (if available)
- Blueprints (if available)
- If a kit home (such as Sears, Aladdin, Gordon-Van Tine), include the model name and catalog sheet (if available)

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Signature of Applicant

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Date

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Name (Please Print or Type)

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Signature of Owner of Record (if different from the Applicant)

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Date

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