

**MINUTES
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

April 14, 2016

I. CALL TO ORDER

The April meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was called to order on Thursday, April 14, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Barbara Buschman.

II. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Buschman, Batistich, Cummins, Flynn, Roy and Schwartz present. Commissioner Yates absent. Planning & Development Director Charity Jones, Heather Valone, Village Planner, and Trustee Liaison Ronald Stapleton were also present. A court reporter was also present to record the proceedings and testimony.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Flynn, to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2016 meeting. Voice vote: 5 ayes. Motion passed.

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

V. PUBLIC HEARING

A. 15-03 Certificate of Economic Hardship for the demolition of old St. Patrick School and convent (220 E. Illinois) also known as St. James Academy

Motion by Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Flynn, to open the discussion. Voice vote: 5 ayes. Motion passed. Charity Jones opened with a review of the parish financial condition, and the previous requirement to provide additional marketing efforts by the Archdiocese. She explained the proposal submitted by Mr. Stanton which had reached an impasse in the negotiations.

Archdiocesan attorney, Thomas More, then spoke, objecting that Ms. Jones was misrepresenting the offer and establishing testimony. The Archdiocese presented a plan for a parking lot and prayer garden. Ms. Jones read a summary to the audience, and mentioned that a second offer of purchase has been made to the Archdiocese.

The Chairman swore in the audience.

Thomas More introduced Michael Dolce, who was asked by the parish to assist with the proposal from Stanton and to explore the option for a rehab of the academy building. He explained the lack of marketing the property by the Archdiocese. He also discussed the fact that the lot to the east in question was purchased for parish parking needs, and reviewed the letter of intent from Addison Properties.

Rev. Kurt Boras testified about parish goals and the future of the parish.

Testimony from the audience was given by Dale Boe, Susan Donahue, John Quinn, Pat Browne, and Patrick Quinn speaking for preservation of the building.

There being no further testimony, a motion was made by Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Batistich, to close the public hearing. Voice vote: 5 ayes. Motion passed. The Chairman called for a vote on the application for economic hardship. Motion to approve a Certificate of Economic Hardship for the demolition of Old St. Patrick School (formerly St. James Academy) by Mr. Batistich, seconded by Mr. Cummins. Roll call: Buschman, no; Batistich, no; Cummins, no; Flynn, no; Roy, no; Schwartz, no. Motion failed.

VI. APPLICATIONS

**A. 16.02 Certificate of Appropriateness for Sign – 238 Main Street.
GoPolar Cryotherapy**

The application and graphics submitted described a hanging sign, 10" x 44" with a decorative bracket for the business located at 238 Main Street. After review and discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Flynn, seconded by Mr. Schwartz, to approve the sign per the applications and drawings submitted. Voice vote: 5 ayes. Motion passed.

VII. PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR COMMENTS

A. National Register Application

Heather Valone announced that the draft application for National Register designation for the core commercial district was well received by the State. The application has not yet been approved, but this step allows residents to receive tax credit. The next step is for the HPC to schedule a public meeting. The state needs to attend the meeting but budget constraints would prevent their attendance. The Village discussed providing transportation and overnight accommodations.

VIII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

IX. ADJOURN

Motion by Mr. Schwartz, seconded by Mr. Flynn, to adjourn the meeting.
Voice vote: 6 ayes. Meeting adjourned.