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McHENRY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

MEETING DATES FOR 1996

January 9, 1996

February 13, 1996

March 12, 1996

April 9, 1996

May 14, 1996

June 11, 1996

July 9, 1996

MEETING August 13, 1996 **CANCELLED**

September 18, 1996

October 16, 1996

November 20, 1996

December 18, 1996

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes

January 9, 1996

McHenry County Government Center
Woodstock, Illinois

Members Present: Chairman Jim Keefe, Gail Drabant, Steve Gulgren, Carol Lockwood, Gloria Mack, Mike Orndahl, Frank Scherschel and Nancy Welch.

Members Absent: Beverly Merz.

Staff Present: Jim Hogue and Linda Spates.

Call to order and Roll

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Keefe at 7:05 p.m.

Approval of Minutes of December 12, 1995

Nancy Welch made a Motion to approve the minutes of December 12, 1995. Gail Drabant seconded the Motion, which was approved by unanimous vote.

Standing Committees

Survey & Landmarking

Nothing to report.

Communications & Public Relations

Gloria Mack stated she feels we as the Committee should advertise more on Public Relations.

Municipalities-Gloria Mack

Gloria Mack stated she would like to meet with Mr. Bill Lefew, the Mayor of Harvard. The meeting would be held to discuss the possibility of Harvard creating and adopting a preservation ordinance.

Old House Support Group (OHSG)

Gail Drabant reported the OHSG met in December at the Joseph Petrie house in Woodstock. The house is currently owned by Dan and Linda Witonski. Members enjoyed a warm holiday evening at the Open House sponsored by the property owners.

The OHSG meeting, January 18th will be a program on Period Interiors presented by Kelly Frank. Kelly is a historic homeowner of the Woodstock home featured in the film "Groundhog Day" and is an interior design consultant. The OHSG is looking forward to her ideas for winter projects.

In February, OHSG will have an open house at Karl and Lynn Nielsen's home, in Woodstock. Future programs are in the planning stages.

Gail Drabant also stated she is currently working on the next printing of the Preservation Commission's brochure and business cards and planning an update of the Comprehensive Landmark List. This should be done in the Spring.

Vistas-Carol Lockwood

Carol Lockwood stated she contacted Mike Magnuson at the County Highway Department on December 12, to discuss the possibilities of plaqueing scenic roads in the County before they are revamped and disappear. He said that County roads and highways, such as Flat Iron Road, which are scenic and rural are the very roads which are targeted for widening and accommodating greater traffic loads. Perhaps it is too late to plaque some of these roads.

Mike Magnuson was a bit more encouraging about the possibility of preserving township roads. He mentioned the status of certain roads under the 2010 plan which might be possibilities for the Commission.

1. River Road from Marengo to County Line Road.
2. Fleming Road
3. Country Club Road

Commission members should start noticing the views as you walk and drive and suggest possible scenic roads or vista's for preservation.

He also suggested that we look into preserving structures such as trestle bridges. He mentioned three:

- 1) The bridge west of Greenwood on Allendale Road.
- 2) The bridge on Streit Road off Deep Cut Road in Hartland Township.
- 3) The bridge north of US 20 on County Line Road. He said that the state considers it to be historical, but a potential problem for us could be that part of it might lie in the jurisdiction of Boone County.

As for other suggestions for vistas, people have mentioned:

- 1) Mill Races - apparently there are two near Greenwood that are in unincorporated areas.
- 2) Consideration of bogs, springs or groves that anyone knows of worthy of preservation.
- 3) Consult the original surveyors' report of the County from 1837, to see if any of the landscape features mentioned in them still exist (e.g. any trees or other features which were identified by the surveyor's and still exist).

Report by Chairman

Nothing to report.

Report by Jim Hogue

Jim Hogue stated the annual report should be sent to Springfield by the end of January 1996.

Old Business

Nothing to report.

New Business

- A. Election of Officers
- B. Establishment of Committees

Gloria Mack made a motion to re-elect Nancy Welch as Vice-Chairman for the Commission and committees will remain the same. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Adjourn

Carol Lockwood made a motion to adjourn. Nancy Welch seconded the motion, which was approved by a unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes

February 13, 1996

McHenry County Government Center
Woodstock, Illinois

Members Present: Chairman Jim Keefe, Gail Drabant, Steve Gulgren, Carol Lockwood, Gloria Mack, Beverly Merz, Frank Scherschel and Nancy Welch.

Members Absent: Mike Orndahl.

Staff Present: Jim Hogue, Maryanne Wanaski and Linda Spates.

Guest: Dave Barnes, Chicago Tribune

Call to order and Roll

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Keefe at 7:10 p.m.

Approval of Minutes of January 9, 1996

Jim Keefe made a motion to approve the Minutes of January 9, 1996. Gail Drabant seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous vote.

Standing Committees

Survey & Landmarking

Nancy Welch passed out copies to the Commission members on the Property Tax Assessment Freeze Program.

Nancy also spoke to Steve Barrett in Cary regarding Trout Valley. There are no possible landmark designations.

Communications & Public Relations

Concerning the Mass Horse Barn, in McHenry, Gloria Mack sent a letter to the City of McHenry providing them with information about Mr. Raleigh, an expert in slate shingles and tiles (attached). Gloria also received a telephone call from the Clerk of McHenry, Pam Althoff stating that she had contacted Mr. Raleigh and they had an appointment to look at the Mass Barn.

Last Friday she discovered that the Crystal Lake Historic Preservation Ordinance was going before the Crystal Lake City Council on February 13th (this evening). Since she

has not yet discovered how to be in two places at once she submitted written testimony in reference to the Ordinance and in that way the Commission is represented. (copy attached).

Gloria also spoke to Barbara LeVerso, owner of John James Farm, and have scheduled the landmarking for May 19th. She stated she would not be adverse to the idea of serving refreshments at the Greenwood Hall rather than at the Farm. She has also secured Greenwood Hall for the May 19th award presentations.

Old House Support Group (OHSG)

Gail Drabant reported the OHSG meeting for January was a program on Interior Decorating for Old Houses presented by Kelly Frank. Kelly is a historic homeowner (the Woodstock home featured in the film "Groundhog Day") and is an interior design consultant. There was a surprisingly excellent turnout on such a cold winter evening. Ms. Frank provided a lot of ideas and hints with respect to common problems in adapting old house interiors to modern living.

In February, OHSG will have an open house at Karl & Lynn Nielsen's house in Woodstock. Future programs are still in the planning stages.

Awards

Gail Drabant stated a press release was distributed to members to submit to their local newspapers, and will try to also get coverage in the daily newspapers. The press release will also be published in the next OHSG newsletter.

Vistas-Carol Lockwood

Carol Lockwood stated she is researching various bridges in McHenry County.

Report by Chairman

Jim Keefe reported an old farmstead on Route 47, in Woodstock, is slated for development. Jim Keefe also stated he sees no historical significance for the property.

Report by Jim Hogue

Jim Hogue stated the Woodstock Historic Ordinance copy was forwarded to Commission members.

Jim Hogue also stated he located Historical files on Vista's, cemeteries and other preservation topics. He also presented a series of newspaper articles which document the significance of the names of towns in the County for a historical perspective.

Old Business

Nothing to report.

New Business

Nancy Welch stated Mr. Tony Howard was unavailable to attend the February meeting and will join us at the March 12th meeting, and should be considered for the vacant Commissioner's position.

Adjourn

Gail Drabant made a motion to adjourn. Gloria Mack seconded the motion, which was approved by a unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes

March 12, 1996

McHenry County Government Center
Woodstock, Illinois

Members Present: Chairman Jim Keefe, Gail Drabant, Carol Lockwood, Gloria Mack, Beverly Merz, Frank Scherschel and Nancy Welch.

Members Absent: Mike Orndahl and Steve Gulgren.

Staff Present: Jim Hogue and Linda Spates.

Guest: Kurt Begalka, Northwest Herald, Ray Minor, Daily Herald, Greg Lafgren and Nancy Fike.

Call to order and Roll

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Keefe at 7:05 p.m.

Approval of Minutes of February 13, 1996

Gloria Mack made a motion to approve the Minutes of February 13, 1996. Gail Drabant seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous vote.

Standing Committees

Survey & Landmarking

Nancy Welch passed out materials she had received from Camp Algonquin. Ms. Welsh stated that she had been contacted by the Office of the States Attorney regarding the alleged violation of the Open Meetings Act during a site visit to Camp Algonquin by three members of the Survey Committee. Per the instructions from the States Attorney all information gathered on the site visit in February 1996 could not be used. Consequently, Ms. Welsh returned the information previously obtained. She then scheduled another appointment with the Camp Algonquin representatives and obtained new information. Ms. Welsh was the only member of the Survey Committee to visit the site. These are the materials which were distributed to the Commission regarding the Camp Algonquin landmark designation. The States Attorney also advised that the time line for preparation of the initial report was pushed back to March 8, 1996. This was the date that information regarding the designation was obtained. The initial report on the request for landmark status should be ready for the regular meeting in April.

Nancy also stated she has tried to contact Michael Angelos, who owns property in Trout Valley, in the unincorporated area that commission is interested in as a potential local landmark.

Communications & Public Relations

Gloria Mack spoke on the Plaueing Ceremony for the John James House dated for May 19, 1996/Preservation Week at Greenwood Village Hall. They are looking for a speaker that can address the history of the Underground Railroad in the Greenwood area.

The Newman House Plaueing Ceremony is scheduled at the request of Scott Summers, owner, for Monday, May 27, 1996, Memorial Day. The ceremony will be coordinated with the observance of Memorial Day at the adjacent cemetery, where the Newmans are interred. Civil War uniforms are being sought to intersperse with the various other veterans uniforms as part of the ceremony. Also an "Abe Lincoln type" is being sought to recite the Gettysburg Address.

Crystal Lake Preservation Ordinance - Mary Thennes. Mary believes it will be on the Crystal Lake City Council agenda on 3/19/96. She is concerned that it may be on the same agenda as the citizens against a development that will create an extension of Walkup Road among other things. Mary is involved with both groups and feels it would be detrimental to the passage of Ordinance if the anti-development group and Ordinance vote was scheduled on the same agenda.

Old House Support Group (OHSG)

The OHSG meeting for February was an open house at the Nielson's in Woodstock. The open house was well attended. Since the Nielson's have done extensive renovation to their house, many tips were passed on to other members

The March meeting will be a program on Foundation Repairs, specifically addressing foundation and interior cracks. A representative from Tuff-Kote will be giving the presentation.

The April meeting will be an open house in Richmond. The May meeting has not yet been planned.

Awards

Gail Drabant stated notice of the upcoming awards program is being forwarded to members for distribution in their communities. We are urging re-submission to the

newspapers, plus notice to the municipalities, townships and libraries. Without sufficient nominations, the significance of the awards program is lessened.

Vistas-Carol Lockwood

Carol Lockwood stated she contacted the highway department found out that there is no map or listing of "scenic roads" for the county. She will try to pursue this point and try to find out the way in which the state designates scenic roads. Carol also obtained a list of township highway commissioners and is playing "phone tag" with those in Greenwood and Hartland trying to get further information about the truss bridges in those townships.

Following Jim Keefe's lead, Carol has also been in touch with the National Trust. They told her to contact the Midwest Regional Office of the National Trust for information about preserving vistas and landscapes. She is waiting for their literature to arrive. It's a bit disheartening that everyone she speaks to about vistas says that they will have to "dig up" their information about it. The obvious implication is that it is an issue worth considering but no one is doing very much anywhere with regard to preserving vistas.

On the other hand, it does mean that perhaps we can be the "groundbreaker" on the issue (forgive the pun).

Report by Chairman

Jim Keefe spoke on the Diggins School House located between Woodstock and Marengo, plaqued approximately 2 years ago. Jim has received calls from different prospects on purchasing the property. A lady from Des Plaines would like to purchase the property and add an addition on to the house. A letter was submitted for review by the Commission. Jim Keefe has also heard from the Certified Local Government Task Force in Springfield, IL. They have sent copies of their first meeting minutes for review by local landmark commissions. Also Mike Ward sent a copy of the Open Meetings Act. They will start having meetings locally instead of in Springfield.

Report by Jim Hogue

Jim Hogue stated he needs resumes from new members to submit to Springfield for the HPC Annual Report. Amy Slocumb will accept the Annual Report upon receipt of the resumes of new members.

Old Business

Nothing to report.

New Business

Nothing to report.

Adjourn

Beverly Merz made a motion to adjourn. Gloria Mack seconded the motion, which was approved by a unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes
April 9, 1996
McHenry County Government Center
Woodstock, Illinois

Members Present: Chairman Jim Keefe, Gail Drabant, Steve Gulgren, Anthony Howard, Carol Lockwood, Beverly Merz, Frank Scherschel and Nancy Welch.

Members Absent: Mike Orndahl and Gloria Mack.

Beverly Merz made a motion to approve the Minutes of March 12, 1996. Anthony Howard seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous vote.

Standing Committees

Survey & Landmarking

Nancy Welch passed out copies from the withdrawal application of Camp Algonquin.

Nancy met with people in Cary to discuss their starting an Historical Society.

Nancy also received a Preservation Awards application, from a Mr. Andrew Sullivan.

Jim Hogue received a letter from the lady in DesPlaines who is interested in purchasing the Diggins School House. The perspective buyer is considering adding dormers to the building. During a telephone conversation, Jim Hogue advised her to resubmit a "concept sketch".

Communications & Public Relations

Gloria Mack was unable to attend the meeting. Her report is below.

May 19, 1996/Preservation Week

Gloria would like a consensus on what time the John James House Award Ceremony should start. Gloria would also like to know if refreshments will be served at the awards ceremony. The speaker for the John James Landmarking will be Gloria Urch. She will speak on the value of preservation and also touch on the "underground railroad" in the Greenwood area.

Memorial Day, The Newman House

Gloria Mack stated Scott Sommers, owner of the Newman House requested that we coordinate our landmarking with the Memorial Day ceremony to be held at the cemetery adjacent to the house where the Newmans and Hammonds are interred. This ceremony is sponsored by the City of Harvard. John and Marcie Matusek of Union, who are Civil War reenactors will participate in our ceremony. Gloria will be calling the City of Harvard to begin coordinating the landmarking. She further contacted a Lincoln impersonator from Aurora, but he has a fee and Gloria dismissed the idea. However, Scott Sommers talked to his wife and they will pay the fee. Lincoln may be there to recite the Gettysburg address after all. Gloria stated she will be attending the City of McHenry Landmark Commission meeting on May 7th.

Old House Support Group (OHSG)

The OHSG meeting for April will be an open house at the Wulffen's in Richmond. The May meeting has not been finalized.

Awards

Gail Drabant stated the final deadline for nominations is April 15th. Gail hopes to have representation from all areas of the County. This year there are approximately 10 nominations in various categories. Runners-up will be given an "honorable mention". Timing logistics were revised for the coordinating on 19th or May 19, 96 plaqueing awards and refreshments. This will be finalized at the next meeting.

Vistas-Carol Lockwood

Carol Lockwood discussed Vista'a and will elaborate more next meeting.

Report by Chairman

Jim Keefe stated he received information from Nancy Fike regarding barns in McHenry County for possible landmarking.

Report by Maryanne Wanaski

Maryanne reported Jim Hogue needs a resume from Anthony Howard and Beverly Merz needs to expand her "preservation background". Various materials, for possible "hand-out" information was given to committee members to review and comment.

Old Business

Nothing to report.

New Business

Nothing to report.

Adjourn

Carol Lockwood made a motion to adjourn. Beverly Merz seconded the motion, which was approved by a unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes
May 14, 1996
McHenry County Government Center
Woodstock, IL

Members Present: Chairman Jim Keefe, Gail Drabant, Anthony Howard, Carol Lockwood, Gloria Mack, Beverly Merz, Frank Scherschel, Nancy Welch.

Members Absent: Steve Gulgren and Mike Orndahl.

Staff Present: Maryanne Wanaski and Linda Spates.

Call to order and Roll

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Keefe at 7:05 p.m.

Approval of Minutes of April 9, 1996

Jim Keefe made a motion to approve the Minutes of April 9, 1996, with corrections. Nancy Welch seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous vote.

Standing Committees

Survey & Landmarking

Nancy Welch reported on the barn meeting she attended in regards to the "1997 Barn Bus Tour". The next meeting is scheduled for June 20, 1996 at 7 p.m. at the McHenry County Historical Museum in Union, IL.

Communications & Public Relations

Municipalities-Gloria Mack

See report attached.

Old House Support Group (OHSG)

See report attached.

Vistas-Carol Lockwood

See report attached.

Report by Staff

Nothing to report.

Report by Chairman

Nothing to report.

Old Business

Nothing to report.

New Business

Nothing to report.

Adjournment

Carol Lockwood made a motion to adjourn. Gloria Mack seconded the motion, which was approved by a unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes
June 11, 1996
McHenry County Government Center
Woodstock, Illinois

Members Present: Chairman Jim Keefe, Gail Drabant, Anthony Howard, Gloria Mack, Carol Lockwood, Frank Scherschel, Nancy Welch.

Guests Present: Dave Barnes, Chicago Tribune.
Bill Parks.

Members Absent: Beverly Merz.

Staff Present: Maryanne Wanaski and Linda Spates.

Call to order and Roll: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Keefe at 7:05 p.m.

Approval of Minutes of May 14, 1996 Gloria Mack made a motion to approve the Minutes of May 14, 1996. Anthony Howard seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous vote.

Survey & Landmarking Nancy Welch passed out tour information on the Bus Tour for the commission members to review. See attached brochure.

Nancy submitted an article from Northwest Herald dated June 8, 1996, stating that residents have until April 15, 1996 to nominate their properties for possible landmarking.

The Survey Committee will meet June 22, 1996 at Jim Keefe's office in Woodstock at 9 a.m. to review "Old Mill" in Alden, for possible landmarking.

Communications & Public Relations/Municipalities Gloria Mack, motion made regarding quarterly meetings see "New Business".

See report attached.

Old House Support Group (OHSG)

See report attached.

Vistas-Carol Lockwood

See report attached.

Report by Chairman

Nothing to report.

Report by Staff

Maryanne spoke about the possibility of getting funding for an Historic Preservation Plan. The grant would be available through Community Development Block Grant funds. Anthony Howard will follow up.

Maryanne mentioned the 50th National Preservation Conference Preliminary Program. A national conference to be held at the Palmer House Hilton in Chicago, October 16th-20th. Attendance will fulfill the Commission's CLG requirement (be represented at one information meeting per year pertaining to the work and functions of the Commission or Historic Preservation). There are limited funds available for registration fees and the early deadline is July 15th. Commission Members need to check their schedules and get back to staff regarding reservations.

Old Business

Nothing to report.

New Business

A motion was made to support a quarterly meeting of representatives from each historical preservation group in the County. The purpose is to coordinate and inform each other of the works of each group. Maryanne Wanaski will arrange a room for the meeting when the Commission sets tentative date. A motion was made by Gloria Mack and seconded by Gail Drabant, which was approved by a unanimous vote.

Adjourn

Jim Keefe made a motion to adjourn. Carol Lockwood seconded the motion, which was approved by a unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
July 9, 1996
McHenry County Government Center
Woodstock, IL

Call to Order and Roll

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Nancy Welch at 7:10 p.m.

Present: Tony Howard, Carol Lockwood, Gloria Mack, Frank Scherschel, Nancy Welch

Absent: Jim Keefe, Gail Drabant, Bev Merz, Mike Orndahl and Steve Gulgren

Staff Present: Maryanne Wanaski

Approval of Minutes of June 11, 1996

The following corrections apply to the referenced minutes:

- Survey Committee meeting slated for June 22, 1996 was postponed due to scheduling conflicts; *it will be rescheduled.*
- The Northwest Herald article noted by Nancy Welch was a misprint. Please disregard.

Gloria Mack made a motion to approve the Minutes of June 11, 1996, with corrections; Carol Lockwood seconded.

Standing Committees

Survey & Landmarking

- On July 22, 1996 at 6:30 p.m. in the Cary Village Hall, Nancy Welch and Gloria Mack will meet with village officials to discuss the value of adopting a preservation ordinance.
- Ms. Welch will contact Jim Keefe to reschedule the Survey Committee meeting.

Communications, Public Relations, Municipal Liaison

- Ms. Mack is working on a date, agenda, and guest list for the joint County/municipal historical commission meeting, as discussed on June 9th. More details will follow.

Old House Support Group (OHSB), Awards, Recognitions

- No report

Vistas

- Ms. Lockwood met with Mr. Everet Thomas to view areas for potential landmarking. None proved significant but Mr. Thomas suggested possible leads.
- *Work is still in progress to locate an intern to help this committee. University recommendations are being investigated.*

Community Development Block Grants

- An overview on CDBG requirements is attached. Members are asked to read the report in order to discuss feasible proposals at the August meeting.

(Side note: Crystal Lake has adopted an historical preservation ordinance and formed its preservation commission. Tony Howard, one of the new members, invited everyone to the first meeting: July 18, 1996 at 7:30 p.m. Crystal Lake City Hall. Kudos Tony!)

Report by Staff

- All of the articles, submitted by Commission members, have been forwarded to Amy Slocumbe for publication (maybe the 3rd week of July) in the *Commissioner*.
- A reservation for Gloria Mack and Nancy Welch will be made for the 50th National Preservation Conference, October 16-20, 1996 to be held at the Palmer House Hilton Chicago, Illinois.

Report by Chairman

- No report.

Old Business

- Tony Howard submitted a candidate to fill one of the Commission vacancies. Mr. David Gerbais, a Crystal Lake attorney, is a resident of Algonquin township.

New Business

- Nothing to report.

Adjournment

- Carol Lockwood made a motion to adjourn. Tony Howard seconded the motion, which was approved by an unanimous vote. The meeting ended at 8:00 p.m.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
September 18, 1996
McHenry County Government Center
Woodstock, Illinois

Call to Order and Roll

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Keefe at 7:05 p.m.

Present: Jim Keefe, Gail Drabant, Steve Gulgren, Tony Howard, Carol Lockwood, Frank Scherschel

Absent: Nancy Welch, Bev Merz, and Gloria Mack

Staff Present: Maryanne Wanaski

Approval of Minutes of August 13, 1996

Carol Lockwood made a motion to approve the Minutes of August 13, 1996. Gail Drabant seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous vote.

Standing Committees

Survey & Landmarking

- Maryanne spoke for Nancy Welch. Cary Village Hall officials would like to pass a resolution adopting the County's Preservation Ordinance. After discussion, Jim Keefe made a motion to wait for a letter from Cary (Maryanne will contact Larry Asaro) outlining the details. Maryanne will then follow-up with a letter to the State's Attorney Office. Gail Drabant made a motion to inform Cary Officials of the Commission's support. Tony Howard approved motion; seconded by Carol Lockwood; and approved by unanimous vote.

Communications, Public Relations, Municipal Liaison

- Report Attached.

Old House Support Group (OHSG), Awards, Recognitions

- Report Attached.

Vistas

- Report Attached

Community Development Block Grants

- Tony Howard led a discussion regarding the Commission's eligibility for CDBG funding for 1997.
- Maryanne will have the CDBG Coordinator (Maryann Taranowski) contact Tony before the October meeting.

Report by Staff

- Nancy Welch's re-appointment is coming up in November.
- Fiscal year's end is near and there is some budgeted moneys available for purchasing additional resources for the Commission's library. Members should let Maryanne know of any materials they would like to acquire.
- Certified Local Governments (CLG) has "Grants-In-Aid" available. The manual should be mailed shortly and will be passed to Tony Howard for review.

Report by Chairman

- Jim Keefe made a formal resolution eliminating Mike Orthanthal from the Commission's membership. The motion was approved by Tony Howard; seconded by Gail Drabant; and passed unanimously.
- Mr. Keefe contacted the owner(s) of Walkup House in regards to landmarking their home next spring.
- With respect to next year's budget, Mr. Keefe spoke to Jim Hogue and the total budget for Historic Preservation is \$2,000.00 (the same as last year) most of which will again be used to pay for plaques.

Old Business

- Nothing to report.

New Business

- New members, Jennifer Iftner of Harvard, and David Gervais of Crystal Lake were introduced to the membership. Formal appointment by the County Board is pending.

Adjournment

- Gail Drabant made a motion to adjourn. Carol Lockwood seconded the motion, which was approved by an unanimous vote. The meeting ended at 8:35 p.m.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
October 16, 1996
McHenry County Government Center
Woodstock, IL

Call to Order and Roll:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Keefe at 7:05 p.m.

Present: Tony Howard, Carol Lockwood, Gloria Mack, Jim Keefe, Gail Drabant

Absent: Steve Gulgren, Nancy Welch, and Beverly Merz

Staff Present: Maryanne Wanaski and Linda Spates

Approval of Minutes of September 18, 1996

- Gail Drabant made a motion to approve the Minutes of September 18, 1996. Gloria Mack seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous vote.

Standing Committees:

Survey & Landmarking

- Jim Keefe spoke in the absence of Nancy Welch. The Committee will review the Spring Shire Inn on McConnell Rd.
- Anthony Howard questioned the status on the old grain mill in Alden. Jim Keefe stated that even though an application was never formally submitted, a meeting should be scheduled with the Committee and owner(s) to discuss possible plaqueing. October 26, 1996 has been set as the tentative date.

Communications, Public Relations, Municipal Liaison

- Gloria Mack and Nancy Welch have discussed plans for a mid-January joint meeting to include representatives from municipal commissions, societies, and any other interested citizens of McHenry County. They envision this first gathering to be the hopeful start of semi-annual meetings that will coordinate preservation planning and activities throughout the County. Gail Drabant stated it would helpful to publish the time in our newsletter once a final date is set. More details will follow in November.

Old House Support Group (OHSG), Awards, Recognition's

- Gail Drabant said that the Old House Support Group was having an "Open House" October 17, 1996 in Cary. At their September meeting, a tentative schedule and program was set for next year.
- There was nothing to report for publications.
- MCCD's Greek Revival House located on Glacial Park is on hold pending review.

Vistas

- Carol Lockwood spoke to Ted Hild in Springfield about Historic Preservation Planning Grants. He said that recent awards have ranged between \$1000 to \$2000; perhaps not enough for our purposes. (If we got an intern at \$6.50 per hour, it would get us only about 2

to 3 weeks worth of research.) Mr. Hild did mentioned the fact that that Nancy Fike was a successful applicant in the 1980's and that she might have suggestions.

- Carol also spoke to Wayne Temple, Chief Director, at the Illinois State Archives. They have the plats and surveyors notes from the 1837 McHenry County survey, but not for loan purposes. Microfilms are available at Newberry Library at N.E. Illinois and UI-C. When time permits, the books will be examined.
- Additionally, work continues on the monthly photo compilation of prairie flowers/grasses.

Grants

Report Attached.

Report by Staff

- Maryanne Wanaski stated that a memorial, in the Commission's name, was donated by the County Board to one of Frank Scherschel's chosen charities.
- Tony Howard will take Frank's place at the conference at the State of Illinois Building, Chicago, Illinois this coming Saturday.
- Nancy Welch's term expires in November and Beverly Merz has missed several meetings. These issues need to be addressed at the November meeting.
- Maryanne will also check on the formal appointments of Jennifer Iftner and David Gervais with the County Administrator's Office.

Report by Chairman

- No report.

Old Business:

- No report.

New Business:

- Nothing to report.

Adjournment:

- Tony Howard made a motion to adjourn. Gail Drabant seconded the motion, which was approved by an unanimous vote. The meeting ended at 8:30 p.m.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
November 20, 1996
McHenry County Government Center
Woodstock, IL

Call to Order and Roll:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Keefe at 7:45 p.m. (Weather delayed a timely start.)

Present: Tony Howard, Gloria Mack, Jim Keefe, Jennifer Iftner, David Gervais, and Carol Lockwood

Absent: Steve Gulgren, Nancy Welch, and Gail Drabant.

Staff Present: Maryanne Wanaski and Linda Spates

Guests: Tom Wilcockson, Mapcraft and Georgian Cooper, Tribune.

Approval of Minutes of October 16, 1996

- Gloria Mack made a motion to approve the Minutes of October 16, 1996. Tony Howard seconded the motion with corrections. All present responded *aye*, motion carried.

Standing Committees:

Survey & Landmarking

- Jim Keefe stated that the Committee will be reviewing the Spring Shire Inn on McConnell Road, known as the Walkup House (plaqued in 1993) which is up for sale at this time.
- Jim Keefe spoke on Nancy Welch's absence. Pictures and articles regarding the House of 7 Gables in Harvard, Illinois were presented. The Landmark Committee asks that Commission Members examine the preliminary syllabus compiled by the Committee. (This data will be attached to the minutes.) If agreed upon by the Commission, a public hearing will be scheduled to start the landmarking process. This will be discussed again in December.

Communications, Public Relations, Municipal Liaison

- Report Attached.

Old House Support Group (OHSG), Awards, Recognition's

- No Report.

Vistas

- No Report.

Grants

- Tony Howard and Maryanne Wanaski completed and mailed IHPA's CLG grant application. Successful applicants will be notified in February.

Report by Staff

- Maryanne Wanaski presented drafts of the *FY 1996-1997 Calendar of Events and Work Program* that were discussed and then approved by those present. The *Calendar* and *Program* will be included with the minutes.
- With the start of the new year, Maryanne suggested that part of December's meeting be allotted to the review and discussion of the Commission's *By-laws, Goals and Strategies*, and *CLG Requirements*.

Report by Chairman

- Jim Keefe noted that Nancy Welch's commission would expire on November 26, 1996. A motion was made by Gloria Mack, seconded by Carol Lockwood, and unanimously passed to re-appoint Ms. Welch to another term. Maryanne will notify the County Administrator's Office.

Old Business:

- No report.

New Business:

- Presentation by Tom Wilcockson included illustrations for the Commission's Special Project.

Adjournment:

- Gloria Mack made a motion to adjourn. Tony Howard seconded the motion, which was approved by an unanimous vote. The meeting ended at 8:30 p.m.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
December 18, 1996
McHenry County Government Center
Woodstock, IL

Call to Order and Roll:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Keefe at 7:04 p.m.

Present: Tony Howard, Gloria Mack, Jim Keefe, Gail Drabant, Nancy Welch, Tony Howard, Jennifer Iftner, David Gervais.

Absent: Steve Gulgren and Carol Lockwood

Staff Present: Maryanne Wanaski

Approval of Minutes of November 18, 1996

- Nancy Welch made a motion to approve the minutes of November 18, 1996. Gloria Mack seconded the motion with corrections, which was approved by unanimous vote.

Standing Committees:

Survey & Landmarking

- The 7 Gables house was discussed. Maryanne was told to set up a public hearing to take place before the Joint Municipal Liaison meeting (January 15, 1997 at 6:30 p.m.), to publish the notice, and to notify adjacent property owners per ordinance requirements.

Communications, Public Relations, Municipal Liaison

- Report attached.
- A motion was made by David Gervais seconded by Gail Drabant to send a letter to MCCD regarding the Powers - Walker House. (See attached.)

Old House Support Group (OHSG), Awards, Recognition's

- Report attached.

Vistas

- No Report.

Report by Staff

- Maryanne Wanaski suggested that because of time constraints the scheduled overview be postponed until February.
- Maryanne also suggested that the Commission consider splitting the Communications, Public Relations, and Municipal Liaison into two committees. Commission members agreed and beginning in February, Gloria Mack will be the Chair of both separate committees will help from Jennifer Iftner and David Gervais.

Report by the Chairman

- Outgoing Chairman, Jim Keefe nominated Nancy Welch as Chairperson; Gail Drabant as Vice-Chairman, and Tony Howard as Secretary. A motion was made and unanimously approved by the members.
- The commission directed Maryanne to compose and send a letter to the Marengo Library Board regarding an article in the Northwest Herald. (See attached.)

Old Business:

- Jim and Nancy will set up "special projects" joint signature account for donated moneys earmarked for the Commission's 1996-97 Special Projects (maps and possible book).

New Business:

- As previously stated, *Public Relations* will be its own standing committee starting in February.

Adjournment:

- Tony Howard made a motion to adjourn. Gail Drabant seconded the motion, which was approved by an unanimous vote. The meeting ended at 8:50 p.m.