



## TOWN OF BEAUX ARTS VILLAGE

### PLANNING COMMISSION

#### MINUTES

July 16, 2015  
Dix

**Present:** Commissioners Paula Dix, Jan Johnston, Jeff Kendall, Bennet Yen

**Excused:** Chairperson Jeff Jochums

**Staff:** Planner Mona Green, Deputy Clerk Angela Kulp

Commissioner Dix called the meeting to order at 7:15pm. Commissioner Yen came late; Commissioner Kendall left early. Votes reflect the Commissioners in attendance at the time of vote.

**Minutes:** Commissioner Johnston moved to approve the June 18, 2015 minutes as written. Commissioner Kendall seconded. Vote: 3 For, 0 Against. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:** There was no old business to address at this time.

#### **NEW BUSINESS: Historic Preservation**

The Commissioners discussed their consolidated summary in detail which Deputy Clerk Kulp assembled, based upon past meeting discussions. The Commission agreed it be a working document henceforth. After much deliberation, the Commissioners agreed on their intentions and goals as follows:

##### Intentions:

- Raise awareness of cultural importance in community for historic preservation
- Encourage historic preservation through affordable incentives in Beaux Arts

##### Goals:

- Educate public using resources available
- Attract and retain for advocating preservation
- Identify historic properties in Beaux Arts

The Commission continued its discussion of the many methods and strategies which could spur the voluntary preservation of historic homes. Some ideas were weeded out, others prioritized. The State's Special Valuation Local Tax Incentive has risen to the top as a strong enticement for preservation. It was noted that interested and qualified homeowners can only take advantage of this property tax-reduction program if the Town has become a *Certified Local Government* (a "CLG").

The Commissioners unanimously agreed and recommend to the Council that the Town become a "CLG" for historic preservation purposes. This designation would allow owners of self-selected and appropriately designated historic homes the opportunity to participate in the state's authorized property tax reduction program.

The State's Department of Archeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) defines "Certified Local Government" or "CLG" as meaning the local government is jointly certified by the State Historic Preservation Officer and the National Park Service as having established its own historic preservation commission and has a program meeting Federal and State standards. The Commissioners agreed this definition gives foundation, guidance and structure to the process. Also of appeal to the Commission is that fact that DAHP has clearly documented all that is necessary for our Town to become a "CLG".

In addition, it is anticipated that the WABA history committee will be an important partner in identifying and researching historic properties. The Commissioners agreed it is important to gauge the Council's interest in the "CLG" process before continuing further. Planner Green suggested that presenting the CLG idea for consideration and at an upcoming Council meeting - perhaps in September - would help guide future Commission discussions. As Planner Green and Commissioner Dix will be attending the Council's July meeting next week, the Commission agreed a report and pitch from the Planning Commission would be appropriate during the "Appearances" portion as periodic reports had been promised.

**Adjourn:** Commissioner Yen moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Johnston seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:48pm. Vote: 3 For, 0 Against. Motion carried.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be at Commissioner Johnston's home on Thursday, August 20, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,  
Angela Kulp, Deputy Town Clerk