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**Community Preservation Panel April 3, 2024, Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was held at the Aurora Firehouse meeting room at 7:00 pm

**Present:** Chairperson Jim Burkett, Jeff Blum, Chris MacCormick, Claire Morehouse, and John Wendler (alternate)

**Absent:** Julia Rossmann

**Others Present**

**Village Officials:** Clerk Ann Balloni and Historian Dr. Linda Schwab

**Members of the Public:** Aurora Historical Society representative, Shirley Egan

**Call to Order:** Mr. Burkett called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

**Changes to the Agenda:** Discussion of changes to the Village Zoning Law under New Business.

**Approval of Minutes:** On motion by MacCormick, seconded by Morehouse, the CPP voted to approve the March 6, 2024 minutes.

AYES: Blum, Burkett, MacCormick, Morehouse, and Wendler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Rossmann

Motion carried unanimously.

**Announcements:** The topic for the May 8 Planning Federation “Learn at Lunch” webinar is Historic Preservation

**Old Business:** No Old Business was discussed

**New Business**

**Patrick Tavern:** Dr. Schwab and Ms. Egan presented plans to restore the porch on Patrick Tavern, as requested in the DRI grant application. Dr. Schwab submitted a drawing (attached) of the proposed “distinct and accurate” restoration, per preservation guidelines. Dr. Schwab and Ms. Egan are presenting the plans to the Village Board of Trustees at their May 15, 2024 meeting. The village owns Patrick Tavern, though the Aurora Historical Society is the designated steward of the building.

On motion by Morehouse, seconded by Blum, the CPP voted to send a letter of support for DRI grant funding, endorsing the Aurora Historical Society Patrick Tavern restoration project.

AYES: Blum, Burkett, MacCormick, Morehouse, and Wendler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Rossmann

Motion carried unanimously.

**Historic Neighborhoods:** Dr. Schwab submitted materials (attached) outlining the rationale for designating Cherry Ave and Court Street as an historic neighborhood, including a listing of all tax parcels. It was noted that the carriage house on Burnham Lane was missing from the list and Dr. Schwab noted the correction.

**Zoning Law:** The CPP is drafting a letter of request to the Village Board of Trustees to amend section 700 in the new zoning law. For example, the CPP does not see the need for two public hearings, one by the panel and a second by the Board of Trustees, for landmark additions (section 7.06.2.a). One public hearing at the Board of Trustees meeting should suffice. Additionally, the CPP does not see a need for a public hearing for Certificate of Appropriateness applications (7.10.A.). There are also mistakes in the landmark list that should be corrected.

The CPP prefers to defer recommending the Cherry Ave/Court Street Historic Neighborhood for landmark status until the amendments in section 700 of the new zoning law have been adopted.

**Adjournment:** On motion by MacCormick, seconded by Morehouse, the CPP voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

AYES: Blum, Burkett, MacCormick, Morehouse, and Wendler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Rossmann

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Balloni  
Village Clerk

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