

Adopted on March 2, 2026

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
FEBRUARY 2, 2026 MEETING MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Jack Coladarci, Chairman  
Chris Enck  
Beth Ann Papoutsis  
Joseph Stuart  
Patti Van Cleave  
Paul Weaver  
Anna Wisniewski

**Members Absent:** None

**Non-Voting Members Present:** Scott Myers

**Junior Commissioner Present:** Louis Zaransky

**Village Staff:** Christopher Marx, Associate Planner

**Call to Order & Roll Call:**

Chairman Coladarci called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Roll call was taken of the Commission Members present.

**Public Comment:**

No public comment was made at this time. Mr. Marx informed the Commission one additional comment was received after the agenda packet was published with regard to 1161 Pine Street and copies were made available.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Chairman Coladarci asked if there were any comments or for a motion to approve the January 5, 2026, meeting minutes. Ms. Van Cleave clarified her comments on line 23 under New Business with regard to Crow Island. A motion to approve the January 5, 2026 meeting minutes, as amended, was made by Mr. Weaver and seconded by Mr. Enck. A vote was taken and the motion unanimously passed, 7 to 0:

AYES: Coladarci, Enck, Papoutsis, Stuart, Van Cleave, Weaver, Wisniewski

NAYS: None

NON-VOTING: Myers, Zaransky

**Alterations to Locally Designated Landmarks:**

**a. Case No. 25-11-HPC - 419 Sheridan Road: Advisory review of proposed alterations to 419 Sheridan Road, a locally designated landmark. This item was continued from the January 5, 2026 Historic Preservation Commission meeting. The Applicant is requesting this item be continued to the March 2, 2026 Historic Preservation Commission meeting.**

Mr. Marx summarized the Commission's previous discussion of this agenda item and stated the applicant asked for the item to be continued to the March 2, 2026, meeting. Chairman Coladarci confirmed the matter would be continued to the March 2, 2026 meeting.

The Commission did not take action on this item at this time.

**Demolition Permit Applications:**

**a. Case No. 26-01-HPC - 1161 Pine Street: Review of the demolition permit application submitted for the single-family residence at 1161 Pine Street.**

1 Mr. Marx identified the home's property owners, location, size and zoning classification with a construction date of  
2 1920 and subsequent alterations which he summarized in detail. He stated the property does not appear on the  
3 Illinois Historic Structures Listing with no public comment received. Mr. Marx stated the Historical Society  
4 indicated that the property has architectural and historical significance and noted one written comment was  
5 provided today. He added no building permit or site restoration plans have been submitted at this time and then  
6 asked if there were any questions.

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8 Chairman Coladarci asked if there were any interior photos. Mr. Marx responded only exterior photos are required  
9 and internal photos were not provided. Mr. Weaver referred to the boundary lines on page 7. Mr. Marx provided  
10 additional information with regard to the north property line and the property ownership. No additional questions  
11 were raised at this time.

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13 Chairman Coladarci asked for the applicant's presentation. Mark Gent stated he and his wife purchased the  
14 property in mid-November 2025. He stated they would like to replace the home due to their growing family and  
15 the home's small footprint. Mr. Gent stated the existing home's condition is livable and informed the Commission  
16 they currently live on Trapp Lane. He provided information with regard to the lot pins and its ownership. Mr.  
17 Weaver explained the Commission's role relating to saving homes. Mr. Gent informed the Commission they  
18 considered saving the home and due to the home's layout, expansion would not be possible. He added the new  
19 home would not be much bigger than the existing home.

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21 Chairman Coladarci referred to a neighbor's concerns with regard to preserving the tree canopy. Mr. Gent  
22 responded they plan to preserve trees although they do not have the final home design yet. Mr. Enck asked Mr.  
23 Gent how big the new home would be. Mr. Gent responded they have not yet finished the new home's design and  
24 estimated the size to be 7,500 square feet. He reiterated their plan to preserve trees. Mr. Stuart referred to 1153  
25 [Pine Street] which came before the Commission some years ago and is similar to the applicants in terms of its  
26 positioning on the block. He asked them to consider discussing restoring the old home with a historic restoration  
27 architect. Mr. Stuart commented on the loss of homes on Pine Street and stated this home deserved to be saved.  
28 Chairman Coladarci referred to the home's history contained in the agenda packet and referred to the issue of it  
29 being a small home on a large lot. He agreed with Mr. Stuart's suggestion to restore the home. Mr. Gent stated the  
30 new home would be traditional for Winnetka. No additional comments were made at this time.

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32 Chairman Coladarci asked for public comment. No comments were made at this time. Chairman Coladarci called  
33 the matter in for discussion. Mr. Enck referred to the Historical Society's recommendation for an HAIS due to the  
34 home's historical significance. Chairman Coladarci provided the Commission with some information relating to Mr.  
35 Getgood, who was a widower of a traincrash victim in the 1930's. Ms. Van Cleave stated the Commission should  
36 ask for an HAIS and referred to the amount of the research done by Mary and Megan due to the home's  
37 significance. Ms. Papoutsis agreed with Ms. Van Cleave's comments.

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39 Chairman Coladarci asked for a motion. Mr. Marx suggested the Commission note for the record the criteria they  
40 considered. Chairman Coladarci read the findings into the record and asked for a motion to request that an HAIS  
41 be done for 1161 Pine Street. A motion to find that the property has sufficient architectural and historical merit  
42 was made by Ms. Van Cleave and seconded by Ms. Papoutsis. A vote was taken and the motion unanimously  
43 passed, 7 to 0:

44 AYES: Coladarci, Enck, Papoutsis, Stuart, Van Cleave, Weaver, Wisniewski

45 NAYS: None

46 NON-VOTING: Myers, Zaransky

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48 **b. Case No. 26-02-HPC - 785 Locust Street: Review of the demolition permit application submitted for the**  
49 **single-family residence at 785 Locust Street.**

50 Mr. Marx identified the home's property owners, location, size and zoning classification with a construction date of  
51 approximately 1911 with one 1949 alteration. He stated the property does not appear on the Illinois Historic

1 Structures Listing with no public comment received. Mr. Marx stated the Historical Society indicated that the  
2 property did not have architectural and historical significance and no public comments were received. He then  
3 asked if there were any questions. No questions were raised at this time.  
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5 Chairman Coladarci asked for the applicant's presentation. Rodrigo Serna, the property owner, introduced himself  
6 and his wife Jennifer, and stated the home is in very rough condition which he described for the Commission. He  
7 stated the new home would be modest at approximately 2,800 square feet to take advantage of the large lot. Mr.  
8 Weaver asked if the home was recently occupied. Mr. Serna stated the prior owners' son lived in the home and the  
9 home was not well maintained. The Commission Members confirmed that a previous owner won the Nobel Peace  
10 Prize and Ms. Van Cleave provided additional information on the owner. Mr. Stuart asked if the home had ever  
11 been remodeled or expanded. Mr. Marx responded not according to building records and stated the Historical  
12 Society may have more extensive records but they could not find any work permits beside the 1949 alteration. He  
13 added the applicant provided interior photos.  
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15 Chairman Coladarci asked if there were any other questions. No additional questions were raised at this time. He  
16 asked for public comment. No comments were made at this time. Chairman Coladarci then called the matter in for  
17 discussion.  
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19 Chairman Coladarci asked for the Commission's comments as to whether a demolition permit should be issued or  
20 an HAIS required. Mr. Enck referred to the Historical Society's research which stated the home did not have  
21 architectural or historical significance and questioned the architect, F. Robert Seyfarth. No recommendation was  
22 made for an HAIS. Chairman Coladarci then asked for a motion to approve the demolition permit for 785 Locust  
23 Road and read the findings into the record from page 85. A motion as stated by Chairman Coladarci was made by  
24 Mr. Weaver and seconded by Mr. Enck. A vote was taken and the motion unanimously passed, 7 to 0:

25 AYES: Coladarci, Enck, Papoutsis, Stuart, Van Cleave, Weaver, Wisniewski

26 NAYS: None

27 NON-VOTING: Myers, Zaransky  
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29 **Other Business:**

30 a. March 2, 2026 Meeting – Quorum Check.

31 The Commission Members discussed their availability. Mr. Marx referred to two items on the March 2026 agenda.  
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33 b. 2025 Preservation Awards.

34 Ms. Van Cleave stated a finished plaque sample would be provided to the Commission for their review. Mr. Marx  
35 noted an announcement for the 2026 preservation awards would be issued soon. He stated the deadline  
36 submission date can be extended to allow for more nominations to be considered and would confirm with the  
37 Village Director. Ms. Van Cleave informed the Commission the plaque manufacturer would be able to make the  
38 desired number of plaques. Mr. Enck referred to the Commission's prior discussions relating to refining certain  
39 categories. The Commission Members discussed the process required to make category refinements as well as the  
40 nomination process.  
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42 c. Monthly Communications for Historic Preservation Commission - Discussion and Content Decision.

43 Ms. Van Cleave referred to the article written by Laurie Peterson of the Crow Island Stewardship Group and sent to  
44 the school district which provided edits for the Commission's review. Mr. Enck stated the goal is for the article to  
45 be included in next paper distribution together with photos. The Commission Members commented the article  
46 looked great and Mr. Marx identified the deadline.  
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48 Chairman Coladarci asked for a motion to approve the article presented. A Commission Member made a motion to  
49 approve the article as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Papoutsis. A vote was taken and the motion  
50 unanimously passed, 7 to 0:

51 AYES: Coladarci, Enck, Papoutsis, Stuart, Van Cleave, Weaver, Wisniewski

1 NAYS: None  
2 NON-VOTING: Myers, Zaransky  
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4 Mr. Enck referred to the trolley tour. Mr. Marx provided an update to the Commission with regard to having the  
5 tour restarted and stated he would check with the Village Director in terms of the budget. Mr. Myers provided  
6 information to the Commission in terms of the process to finance the tour.  
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8 **Adjournment:**

9 Chairman Coladarci asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion to adjourn was made by several Commission  
10 Members and seconded by Mr. Enck. A vote was taken and the motion unanimously passed, 7 to 0:

11 AYES: Coladarci, Mr. Enck, Papoutsis, Stuart, Van Cleave, Mr. Weaver, Wisniewski

12 NAYS: None

13 NON-VOTING: Myers, Zaransky

14 The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.  
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16 Respectfully submitted,  
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18 Antionette Johnson

19 Recording Secretary