

AGENDA

HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING

October 2, 2024 - 9:00 AM
Village Hall - Room 101
300 Plaza Circle, Mundelein, IL 60060

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ATTENDANCE
- III. PUBLIC COMMENTARY
- IV. PARK DISTRICT REPORT
- V. MINUTES APPROVAL
 - A. Approval of the September 4, 2024, Meeting Minutes
- VI. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT AND OTHER COMMUNICATION
 - A. Chairmans Report
 - B. September Radio Show Report - Anne
 - C. Lure of the Local Special Exhibit - Wendy
 - D. Museum Landscape Plan Meeting - September 26, 2024 - Barb
 - E. All Hallows Eve and 2nd John Hynds Visit - October 28, 2024
 - F. 1983 Home Movie of the Depot Move Review

- G. 2025 Illinois Historical Society Award Application

Motion to prepare an application for the 2025 Illinois Historical Society Award.

- H. Caboose Project

- I. Other

VII. MUSEUM OPERATIONS

- A. Subcommittee Reports

- 1. Archiving - Wendy

- 2. Facility Maintenance

- 3. Collections: Accessioning / De-accessioning - Ann

Motion to accept recommendations of the acquisition committee.

- 4. Volunteer Hours / Museum Attendance - Shawn

- 5. Highway Clean-up - Shawn

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Old # 1 - 100th Anniversary in 2025

- B. Digital Site Map Project

- C. Story Corps

- D. New Museum Brochure

E. Other

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Fremont School Presentation - October 10, 2024 and October 11, 2024 - Shawn

B. Radio Play Special Event

C. Pop-up Museum # 2 at Tighthead

D. Other

X. VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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CALL TO ORDER

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Mundelein Historical Commission was held on September 5, 2024. Chairperson Flynn called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM.

ATTENDANCE

Mike Flynn took the roll call. It indicated as follows:

Commission Attendance

PRESENT: Chairman Flynn, Commissioner Baur, Commissioner Frasier, Commissioner Walker, Commissioner Killackey, Commissioner Zander, Commissioner Hayes

ABSENT:

Other Attendance

PRESENT: Ron Salski, Director Mundelein Park and Recreation District, Rob Foster, Mundelein Park and Recreation District, and Eric Guenther, Village of Mundelein Administrator.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Jeanne Steffens was in attendance at the meeting. She had commented on the Cemetery Walk, it may be good to add another date in the fall when it is not so warm. The opening speech was a little bit long. Can we send a survey to get the comments from the attendees? The Cisco Kid was well received, the sound from the radio was much more authentic looking and the sound was better. Does anyone know about the old house on Butterfield Road?

Greg Howland was also in attendance. Mr. Howland lives on Grace Avenue. His home was originally built in 1888. He gave a brief history of the home and is looking to gather more information about his home. Would like to get involved more with the Historical Commission.

PARK DISTRICT REPORT

Ron Salski and Ron Foster discussed the following District Projects:

- Diamond Lake - Mike and Wendy will be in the initial focus group with the Village, Park District Staff and others. They are in the initial planning stages right now.
- Playgrounds, how do we get them?: Sheldon Woods - Impact Fees from the Developers, Kracklauer Park - 100% Donations, Dog Park - working with the developer
- Landscaping - the landscaping is all good to go. The question the MPRD has is what we want to do next? Do we want to move forward? The commission reviewed the

plans and sent in their comments and will leave it up to the MPRD to decide how to move forward. Ron suggested bringing the landscaping company out and have a face-to-face conversation so they have a good understanding of what the Commission is looking for.

- Discussions took place about the caboose and the state of repairs needed to see if it is feasible to repair it. The Commission would like to see the caboose remain in some capacity.
- Accepting title to a park at Sheldon Woods. The Park District is looking for names for the park. The Commission will brainstorm some ideas and get back to the Park District.

Mike Flynn may be sending an application to the State Historical Society for the museum display. They may need something from the Park District if they decide to complete the application.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Approval of the August 07, 2024 Minutes

There is one change to the minutes. The Depot was moved in 1983 not 1988. Also, there were several names misspelled in the minutes that need to be corrected.

RESULT:	Passed [Yes 7, No 0, Abstained 0]
MOVER:	Commissioner Tom Baur
SECONDER:	Commissioner Barb Zander
AYES:	Michael Flynn, Tom Baur, Wendy Frasier, Anne Walker, Shawn Killackey, Barb Zander, Jeffry Hayes
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT AND OTHER COMMUNICATION

August Radio Show Report - Anne

There were a lot of people; seven in attendance. The commission would like to have the information for the radio shows in the weekly newsletter and will start sending the information to the Village as they come up.

Lure of the Local Special Exhibit - Wendy

Met with Stacy from the Arts Commission, and she is very enthusiastic about the sheet

music display. We will get everything together and we will display it the entire duration of the art show.

Ivanhoe Cemetery Walk Summary

The commission would like to split the donations we received during this event and split the proceeds with Ivanhoe Church and Kirk Players. Chairman Flynn will give the cash donations to the Village and request that checks for \$67.50 be issued to the Kirk Players and the Ivanhoe Congregational Church.

Commission members agreed to send written comments about the Cemetery Walk to Chairman Flynn.

Illinois Historical Society Award Application

The application that was attached to the agenda packet was reviewed and discussed. It was agreed that John Hynds will be invited to make a presentation at the museum in October during the All Hallows Eve event, like he did for the Book Signing event in June. Barb Zander will contact Mr. Hynds. We would like to get someone from the Daily Herald to write an article for the commission.

New Village E-mail Procedures

If there are problems logging into the email, please contact Jennifer Marshall.

Other

MUSEUM OPERATIONS

Subcommittee Reports

Archiving – Wendy

No report.

Facility Maintenance

Discussed property maintenance with the Park District.

Collections: Accessioning/De-accessioning--Ann

Motion to Accept Recommendations of the Acquisition Committee

Discussed the home-made violin that was de-accessioned previously, we are going to

re-assessment the Chandler Violin.

RESULT:	Passed [Yes 7, No 0, Abstained 0]
MOVER:	Commissioner Jeffry Hayes
SECONDER:	Commissioner Barb Zander
AYES:	Michael Flynn, Tom Baur, Wendy Frasier, Anne Walker, Shawn Killackey, Barb Zander, Jeffry Hayes
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

Volunteer Hours/Museum Attendance - Shawn

The park district's recognition of the museum's volunteer hours is noted. The importance of tracking volunteer hours and museum attendance is emphasized. For July there was a total of 129 hours, in August there were a total of 159 volunteer hours. There were a total of 241 people who came through the Museum from opening in March until the end of August.

Highway Clean-up August 31st - Shawn

The clean up event went very quickly, our next clean up event will be in October.

OLD BUSINESS

Old #1 100th Anniversary 2025

The old number one committee is meeting with village representatives to discuss future plans.

Digital Site Map Project

This project has been stalled due to other projects.

Story Corps

Still an open project.

Caboose Project

Museum Landscape Plan

The group reviewed the landscape plans and will get their comments to the Mundelein Park & Recreation District.

NEW BUSINESS

New Museum Brochure

The group discussed the need to update the museum brochure, they plan to involve the park district. The importance of accurate and up-to-date information in the brochure is emphasized.

Home Movie of the Depot Move

The group was unable to view the movie, the group will watch the movie at the next meeting.

Other

The group would like to have an event in connection with the Fourth of July, similar to what Dottie used to do.

ADJOURNMENT

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MOVER:	Commissioner Barb Zander
SECONDER:	Commissioner Jeffry Hayes
AYES:	Michael Flynn, Tom Baur, Wendy Frasier, Anne Walker, Shawn Killackey, Barb Zander, Jeffry Hayes
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

Chairman's Report
Mundelein Historical Commission Meeting
October 2, 2025

- I. **Home Movie:** Jennifer Marshall will arrange for the 1983 Home Movie of the Depot move to be shown on the big screen. The movie was digitized by KTR Video. KTR is prepared to insert a Title Page, Opening and Closing credits, music, or other information we would like included. The objective at this meeting is to get an idea of what we would like to add and prepare a list for discussion with KTR
- II. **The Illinois Historical Society 2025 Awards Application:** The application is due November 30, 2024. I would like to have the Commission approve the preparation an Awards application to include: 1) Introduction Describing the genesis of the Exhibit; 2) Background information on John Hynds; 3) A written description of the project; 4) Photographs; 5) Statements from the curators—Barb and Wendy that would include a description of how the display was organized, estimate of the hours spent preparing and installing it, how they worked with Jon, the goals and objectives of the project; 6) Summary of the 2 museum events that featured John, including attendance; 7) Testimonials from visitors; 8) Newspaper or social media coverage; 8) Conclusion focusing on the uniqueness and cooperative components of the project; 9) Other Thoughts. Promoting the All Hallows with John Hynes will be critical for increasing attendance and getting broader publicity.
- III. **Caboose Project:** On September 5th, the day after the last Commission Meeting, Eric Guenther, me, and Norm Carlson, a former Chairman of the Metra Board of Directors, met to examine the caboose. I summarized the meeting in an email to Ron Salski and the Caboose Project team, Vern Lappe and Bob Ward. Mr. Carlson was very positive about rebuilding the Caboose. He made several suggestions: 1) Patch the hole in the roof, patch the deteriorated windows, stop further animal and weather deterioration; 2) Hire a hazardous mitigation company to clean out the interior to permit safe access; 3) Assess the extent of the damage and repairs required as soon as possible. He offered to reach out to his contacts at the Illinois Railroad Museum for help estimating the amount of time required to make the repairs and restore the caboose. He thought this would make good grassroots, community-funded project if we decided to go in that direction. Mr. Carlson has reached out to the Illinois Railroad Museum on our behalf. Eric Guenther can report more on the meeting. He may also have had additional conversations with Ron. I have not yet heard back from the Park District.
- VI. **Radio Play Special Event:** I was approached by Aurelia Spicuzza, the Chairman of the Mundelein Arts Commission, about hosting a radio play using live actors. Aurelia is active in an amateur actors group writes and performs short, radio plays, with sound effects. If we are interested in hosting a special event she gave me the contact information. Are we interested?

- V. **Pop-Up Museum Event:** Tighthead has asked if we would be interested in doing another pop-up museum at the brewery. Patrons have been asking for another event. Mondays or Tuesdays work best for Tighthead. Are we interested?