MINUTES

BOARD/COMMISSION: Architectural Review DATE: 10/23/13

MEETING: Regular CALLED TO ORDER: 7:08 p.m.

QUORUM: Yes ADJOURNED: 9:35 p.m.

MEMBER ATTENDANCE: PRESENT: Chairman Burdett, Commissioners Albrecht,

Dickie, Hartweg, Senak, Wussow

ABSENT: Commissioners Dohrer, Thompson, Student

Commissioner Howard

ALSO PRESENT: Village Planner Stegall, Trustee Liaison Ladesic,

Recording Secretary Solomon

1. Call to Order

Chairman Burdett called the Glen Ellyn Architectural Review Commission (ARC) regular meeting to order at 7:08 p.m., in the Civic Center at 535 Duane Street, Glen Ellyn, Illinois.

2. Approval of Minutes from October 8, 2013 Meeting

Commissioner Wussow moved to approve the October 8, 2013 minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Senak and carried unanimously by a vote of 5-0. Commissioner Albrecht entered the meeting after this vote.

3. <u>Courtyards of Glen Ellyn, 453-499 Kenilworth Avenue – Revised Exterior Appearance</u>

Village Planner Stegall presented background on a request from Orleans Homes, owner of the Courtyards of Glen Ellyn at 453-499 Kenilworth Avenue, for revised exterior appearance approval of the 3 remaining townhome buildings to be constructed on the property. She stated the subject property is located at the northeast corner of Kenilworth and Pennsylvania Avenues in the R4 Residential zoning district. She stated in 2006, the Village approved a Preliminary Planned Unit Development (PUD), Preliminary Plat of Subdivision, Stormwater Variation and the Exterior Appearance of the project, and final PUD approval was approved in March 2007. She stated work on the site began shortly thereafter, and the first townhome building was constructed; however, the project was then put on hold due to the recession.

Steve Atchison, President of Orleans Homes in the Chicago market, stated they have designed the new buildings to conform and fit in with the existing townhomes. He stated there are 3 elevations with 2 floor plans each, and these are also consistent with the existing plans. He showed a chart comparing the 2007 approved materials to the 2013 proposed materials and explained the changes with siding, trim, brick, shutters, windows, garage doors and the front

columns. He stated they would construct a 6-foot privacy fence made of vinyl on the northern and eastern property lines. He stated the homeowners' association has requested that the gazebo that was part of the 2007 plans not be constructed due to possible safety issues.

Commissioner Wussow stated the proposed plan has fewer than half the architectural details on the Kenilworth Avenue side elevation than the original plans, and she is concerned with how the buildings will look along Kenilworth Avenue to which Mr. Atchison stated they will be putting in landscaping and trees along this side and could submit a full landscape plan. Commissioner Senak asked why there are minimal windows on that side to which Mr. Atchison stated this is due to the floor-plan configuration. Chairman Burdett suggested an additional window in the great room. Commissioner Wussow stated she has no problem with the side elevation facing the fence, but asked how the development would look from Kenilworth as an ivory-colored wall with only 1 to 2 windows could look sparse.

Chairman Burdett asked why they are proposing Louisiana Pacific siding instead of the James Hardie siding again to which Mr. Atchison stated the Louisiana Pacific siding performs better in a Midwestern climate. Mr. Atchison stated they have also had better luck with the warranties on the Louisiana Pacific siding. There was a discussion on the proposed Louisiana Pacific siding versus the existing James Hardie siding.

Commissioner Wussow asked if they could add a wrap-around porch and small window on the Kenilworth side similar to the originally approved plans so the Kenilworth Avenue façade would not be so sparse to which Mr. Atchison stated they could look into that.

Commissioner Albrecht stated the garage door windows should stay, and Commissioner Senak asked about the cost difference on the proposed garage versus the existing garages. Chairman Burdett stated the keystones in the brick area above the garages break up the mass of the buildings.

Chairman Burdett stated he is not opposed to the removal of the gazebo, and the commissioners agreed.

Chairman Burdett asked about the light fixtures to which Mr. Atchison stated they would be using a different manufacturer. Chairman Wussow noted that clear-glass lighting is discouraged by the Village and encouraged the petitioner to use a lightly-frosted glass similar to what was used on the first building.

Mr. Atchison stated they will take the feedback and come back with revised plans. Village Planner Stegall stated the next ARC meeting would be November 13, 2013.

Chairman Burdett summarized the changes the ARC had suggested: living-room windows on Kenilworth, windows on the garage level that faces Kenilworth, garage windows, keystones, landscaping around the fencing, frosted glass on all exterior lighting, wrap-around porches and a landscape plan.

4. Sign Code Update

Village Planner Stegall stated that at the October 21, 2013 Village Board Meeting, the Wayfinding Plan was discussed. She stated the Board agreed with the ARC and Historical Preservation Commission on using finials in the new signage.

The ARC reviewed the sections on Exempt Signs and Special Event Signs. Chairman Burdett stated many of the signs in the Exempt Sign section are not explained in the Definition section and should be added. There was another lengthy discussion on electronic message boards regarding timing minimums and changes, frequency of duration and adjusting of the signs to the traffic-time of day. The ARC's consensus is that they would be comfortable with a changing time of 30 seconds. The ARC also agreed there should be no illuminated signs of any kind in downtown windows. The ARC will start with the Sign Schedule section at the next meeting.

5. Public Comments (non-agenda items)

None

6. Chairman's Report

None

7. Trustee's Report

Trustee Ladesic stated the Board did discuss the Wayfinding Study at the October 21, 2013 meeting.

8. Staff Report

Village Planner Stegall stated Commissioner Thompson had her baby and was doing well.

9. Other Business?

None

10. Adjourn

As there was no other business to discuss, Chairman Burdett asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Wussow moved, seconded by Commissioner Dickie to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m. The motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0.

Submitted by: Debbie Solomon, Recording Secretary

Reviewed by: Michele Stegall, Village Planner

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