

MINUTES

COMMISSION: **Historic Preservation** **DATE:** **December 9, 2009**

MEETING: **Regular** **CALLED TO ORDER:** **7:40 p.m.**

QUOROM: **Yes** **ADJOURNMENT:** **9:42 p.m.**

MEMBER ATTENDANCE: **Present:** Chairman Marks, Commissioners Ford, Loftus, Manak and Salamunovich, Trustee Liaison Ladesic and Staff Liaison Schrader.

Excused: Commissioners Cooper, Janninck, Perkins and Wright.

Public Present: Linda Gilberts, Citizens for Glen Ellyn Preservation member.

1. Call to Order:

Chairman Marks called the Village of Glen Ellyn's Historic Preservation Commission meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. in the Civic Center at 535 Duane Street.

2. Approval of Minutes: October 22, 2009

Commissioner Loftus motioned, seconded by Commissioner Ford that the October 22, 2009 minutes of the Historic Preservation Commission be approved. Motion passed.

3. Old Business:

Chairman Marks spoke on the Glen Ellyn Historical Society's landscaping at Stacy's Tavern Museum, noting that it is historically inaccurate. Chairman Marks would like to notify the Historical Society that any further landscaping at Stacy's Tavern Museum must be presented to the Historic Preservation Commission at a meeting prior to being finalized. The Commission will also need advance notice of any landscape plans that will be brought to them so that they may arrange for a consultant knowledgeable in 1840s landscaping to attend the Commission meeting. Chairman Marks requested that Staff Liaison Schrader send a note to Jan Langford, Director of the Glen Ellyn Historical Society, providing this information.

4. New Business:

A. Glenbard West/Duchon Field Landmarking Discussion:

The Commission discussed the draft letter included in the agenda packet that is proposed to be sent to Glenbard School District 87 regarding the landmark recommendation for Glenbard West High School and Duchon Field. Several changes to the letter were requested by commissioners, including the change from “recommendation” to “preliminary recommendation” in the third paragraph of the letter, the addition of the fact that the Commission originally voted on the recommendation at the April 23, 2009 meeting and the following statement: “Please understand that this recommendation is preliminary and is subject to a public hearing following your affirmative response. This preliminary recommendation is subject to a final recommendation by the Commission, which will then be forwarded to the Village Board.”

Commissioner Ford stated that he was under the impression that the original recommendation by the Commission was not that landmarking was recommended, but instead that the properties met the criteria for landmarking. Discussion occurred on this and it was determined by the Commission that the original recommendation was a preliminary determination that the properties be landmarked. A commissioner asked why Duchon Field was recommended for landmarking as it is not architecturally significant, and Chairman Marks responded that Duchon Field is part of the greater ambiance of Lake Ellyn Park. Discussion also occurred on property restrictions for buildings that are landmarked, the manner in which the commission handles requests for changes to landmarked properties and the fact that the landmark discussion for Glenbard West High School and Duchon Field occurred at the same time as the artificial turf discussion.

Commissioner Manak then made a motion: “The Historic Preservation Commission, pursuant to Ordinance 2-13-3 ((A) and (B)), makes a recommendation that Glenbard West High School and Duchon Field meet the criteria for landmark status and recommends that the subject properties be landmarked.” Commissioner Ford seconded the motion. Discussion then occurred on the motion. Commissioner Ford stated that the Commission has not thoroughly reviewed the impact that landmarking these properties would have on them, the public or the property owner. Commissioner Ford continued that these properties are public and serve the needs of the public, and may need to be altered from time to time to continue to serve the public’s needs.

Commissioner Ford then submitted an amendment to the current motion that the motion be split into two motions for each of the subject properties. Commissioner Manak declined this amendment to his original motion. Commissioner Salamunovich noted that the Commission has already split the Glenbard West High School campus up by not recommending the landmarking of Biester Gymnasium. Commissioner Loftus responded that this decision was made based upon the fact that the gymnasium does not meet the criteria for landmarking. The Commission then voted on Commissioner Manak’s original motion. All in favor of the motion included

Chairman Marks and Commissioners Loftus and Manak. Commissioner Ford voted against the motion and Commissioner Salamunovich voted “present.”

Staff Liaison Schrader will mail out the landmarking recommendation letter to Glenbard School District 87 on Thursday, December 10, 2009.

B. Yalding House Update:

Chairman Marks noted that he has contacted Jerry Johnson, Director of the Garfield Farm Museum in La Fox, Illinois several times regarding the museum’s interest in the Yalding House, but has not yet heard back from Mr. Johnson. Chairman Marks is aware that the Commission is on a tight schedule to remove the house from the Glenbard Wastewater Authority garage and will continue to make an effort to contact Mr. Johnson as soon as possible. Commissioner Salamunovich noted that another option for the house is Naper Settlement, if the Garfield Farm Museum is not interested. Commissioner Salamunovich will contact Naper Settlement to see if they have any interest in the historic house if no response is received from the Garfield Farm Museum.

C. Historic Preservation Awards Discussion:

Chairman Marks stated that the house at 481 Hawthorne Boulevard may be a possible nominee for the Architectural Details Award. 711 Riford Road was also mentioned as a possible nominee for the Renovation of the Year Award. Each of the awards was reviewed and the differences between each award were discussed. Chairman Marks finally asked Linda Gilberts to let the Commission know if the group, Citizens for Glen Ellyn Preservation, had any recommendations for the 2009 awards.

D. Discussion on thoughts to be provided to Village Board on Downtown Strategic Plan:

Chairman Marks requested that all commissioners review the Downtown Strategic Plan prior to the January 2010 commission meeting and make notes of any items they would like to discuss at the next meeting. Staff Liaison Schrader mentioned that the Downtown Strategic Plan is available on the Village website at www.glenellyn.org.

5. Historical Society Business:

None.

6. Chairman’s Report:

None.

7. Trustee Liaison's Report:

Trustee Liaison Ladesic reported that Glenbard School District 87 presented several visions for the Crescent Boulevard corridor during the Village Board Workshop on December 7, 2009.

8. Staff Liaison's Report:

Staff Liaison Schrader reported that all Glen Ellyn residents who receive refuse and recycling service through the Village will receive 65-gallon recycling carts between December 17 and 21, 2009. Residents who wish to have an additional cart, or a smaller cart, may adjust their carts following delivery in December. Old recycling bins can be kept by residents should they wish, or can be left at the curb during the normal refuse and recycling collection if they are no longer needed. The Village will also be working with the Environmental Commission and S.C.A.R.C.E. to have a drop off collection of old bins during the 2010 Recycling Extravaganza that can then be provided to school districts and organizations that need recycling bins.

9. Confirmation of Next Meeting Date and Adjournment:

The next scheduled meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission is January 28, 2010. At 9:42 p.m., Commissioner Manak made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ford that the Historic Preservation Commission be adjourned. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kristen Schrader, Historic Preservation Commission Staff Liaison