

MINUTES

COMMISSION: **Historic Preservation** **DATE:** **January 28, 2010**

MEETING: **Regular** **CALLED TO ORDER:** **7:35 p.m.**

QUOROM: **Yes** **ADJOURNMENT:** **9:15 p.m.**

MEMBER ATTENDANCE: **Present:** Chairman Marks, Commissioners Ford, Issac, Janninck, Loftus and Manak, Trustee Liaison Henninger and Staff Liaison Schrader

Excused: Student Commissioner Cooper, Commissioners Salamunovich and Wright

Public Present: Linda Gilberts, Citizens for Glen Ellyn Preservation member and Judy Marks

1. Call to Order:

Chairman Marks called the Village of Glen Ellyn's Historic Preservation Commission meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. in the Civic Center at 535 Duane Street.

2. Approval of Minutes: December 9, 2009

The minutes of the December 9, 2009 meeting were reviewed. Commissioner Manak requested that his comment on the Glenbard West/Duchon Field Landmarking discussion be adjusted to read: "Commissioner Manak declined this amendment to his original motion." Chairman Marks requested that his statement on the Historic Preservation Awards Discussion be adjusted to read: "Chairman Marks stated that the House at 481 Hawthorne Boulevard may be a possible nominee for the Architectural Details Award." Commissioner Manak then made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ford to approve the revised minutes of the December 9, 2009 meeting.

3. Old Business:

Not discussed.

4. New Business:

A. Glenbard West/Duchon Field Landmarking Update and Continuation of Landmarking Discussion on Lake Ellyn/Glen Ellyn Boathouse:

Chairman Marks stated that School District 87 declined the Commission's request to landmark Glenbard West High School and Duchon Field. Commissioners discussed the response letter from District 87 and noted that the Village Code states that the Commission must wait two years before seeking to landmark the property again.

B. Yalding House Update:

Chairman Marks provided background information on the Yalding House and then stated that the majority of the Yalding House has been taken to the Garfield Farms Museum in La Fox, IL. The house remains will be used to reconstruct other historic homes at the Museum. There was also discussion on the Glen Ellyn History Park and the future plans for the land.

C. Historic Preservation Awards Discussion:

Commissioner Loftus detailed the four categories of the Historic Preservation Awards, which include the Architectural Details Award, the Restoration of the Year Award, the Renovation of the Year Award and the Streetscape Compatibility Award. The Awards will be handed out in May 2010 and award nominations can be made by anyone. Several possible nominees were noted including 376 Park Boulevard, 481 Hawthorne Boulevard, 711 Riford Road, 602 Prairie Avenue and a home on Hillside Avenue. Discussion then occurred on advertising for the awards and Staff Liaison Schrader noted that she would include information on the awards in the quarterly newsletter, the eblast, on the Village website, on the sign board in downtown Glen Ellyn and GETV.

D. 2010 Commission Goals:

Chairman Marks presented members of the Commission with a list of potential goals to work towards during the 2010 year, and discussion among commission members on the goals ensued. Several of the proposed 2010 goals include increased visibility of the Commission within the Village, continuation of the Architectural Resource Surveys and pursuit of landmarking of the Horse Trough and Lake Ellyn. Chairman Marks requested that the Commissioners review the proposed goals prior to the February Commission meeting and determine which goals are most important to accomplish in 2010.

Commissioners also discussed ways to increase visibility of the Commission, including greater distribution of the brochure, "Recognition and Protection of your Historic Glen Ellyn Building." Commissioner Issac asked if the Commission could serve as a resource for historic property owners, to which Chairman Marks responded yes. Discussion also occurred on the historic preservation guidelines that the Village follows, which typically are along the lines of the federal guidelines, which are not overly restrictive.

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

Commissioner Loftus, a member of the Transitional Downtown Advisory Committee, provided background information and updated the Commission on the Downtown Strategic Plan. Loftus stated that the Downtown Strategic Plan report highlights 15 goals for Downtown Glen Ellyn, two of which the Commission could be instrumental in assisting with: establishing a historic downtown district and encouraging/facilitating downtown maintenance and modernization. Loftus suggested that a subcommittee be formed in order to more closely determine the manner in which the Commission could assist in accomplishing these goals for the downtown.

Following Commissioner Loftus' report, Chairman Marks requested that the Commissioners review his original letter provided to Town Builder Studios during the Downtown Strategic Planning Process, which he again provided at the meeting. The Commission can then have a more detailed discussion during the February Commission meeting on thoughts to provide to the Village Board on the Downtown Strategic Plan Report.

5. Historical Society Business:

Not discussed.

6. Chairman's Report:

None.

7. Trustee Liaison's Report:

Trustee Liaison Henninger noted a number of things going on in the Village including the finalization of the F.O.P. contract, the new Village Board Workshop/Meeting formats, the completion of the property tax levy and that the Board is looking to implement contractor's registration in the near future.

8. Staff Liaison's Report:

Staff Liaison Schrader asked the Commission to review a request by Verizon to install a cellular antenna and related equipment on the Civic Center, 535 Duane Street. As the Civic Center is a landmarked property, any proposed exterior changes must be reviewed and approved by the Commission prior to moving forward. Schrader provided the Commissioners with a blueprint of the proposal as well as a photo simulation of what the exterior changes might be. The Commission briefly reviewed these documents and requested additional time to review prior to making a final decision. The Commission will vote on the proposal during the February Commission meeting.

9. Confirmation of Next Meeting and Adjournment:

The next scheduled meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission is February 25, 2010. At 9:15 p.m., Commissioner Manak made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ford that the Historic Preservation Commission be adjourned. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Kristen Schrader, Historic Preservation Commission Staff Liaison