

## MINUTES

**BOARD/COMMISSION:** Historic Preservation      **DATE:** February 25, 2010

**MEETING:** Regular      **CALLED TO ORDER:** 7:36 p.m.

**QUORUM:** Yes      **ADJOURNED:** 9:51 p.m.

**MEMBER ATTENDANCE:**      **PRESENT:** Chairman Marks,  
Commissioners Ford, Isaac, Janninck,  
Wright, and Loftus, Trustee Liaison  
Ladesic

**EXCUSED:** Commissioners Manak,  
Cooper, and Salanunovich, Staff Liaison  
Schrader

### **1. Call to Order**

Chairman Marks called the Historic Preservation Commission meeting to order at 7:36 p.m. on February 25, 2010 in Room 303 of the Glen Ellyn Civic Center.

### **2. Public Comments**

No public comments were given.

### **3. Approval of the Minutes: January 28, 2010**

Chairman Marks stated the minutes from January 28, 2010 were presented to the Commission for approval. Commissioner Ford motioned for approval of the minutes from January 28, 2010. Commissioner Wright seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **4. Old Business: Antenna Discussion**

Chairman Marks provided a summary from the discussion that took place at last months meeting. Commissioner Loftus provided information regarding the materials and stated wood will be used and should look very similar to the current conditions of the building once the paint is matched. He stated since the building is landmarked the view from the street is very important. The Commission engaged in general discussion and was happy with the proposed design of the antenna. Trustee Ladesic questioned if re-roofing the building would require an approval from the Historic Preservation Commission. Chairman Marks stated if it affects or changes the view from the street façade then the request would need to come before the Commission.

Motion: Commissioner Loftus motioned to approve the modifications per the drawings and demonstrated sample provided to the Commission from sample 21910 VZ10-00296H-20 presented by Verizon Wireless to the Civic Center building. Commissioner Wright seconded. The motion passed unanimously

## **5. New Business**

### **A. Historic Preservation Awards Discussion**

Chairman Marks provided information regarding 376 Park Boulevard. He discussed the changes that were made and noted this could be a candidate for the restoration category of the awards. Commissioner Loftus questioned how many submissions have been received by the Commission. Chairman Marks stated a total of 6 have been submitted for an award. The Commission reviewed a number of the submittals and discussed the changes and categories each submittal would fall under and also if renovations made to the back of the home would be considered for an award. Commissioner Ford stated although work was done to the back of a particular home, if it can be viewed from the street it would qualify. Chairman Marks requested information regarding the Commission be placed on the website for homeowners with questions regarding historic preservation and remodeling.

### **B. 2010 Commission Goals**

The Commission engaged in discussion over several goals they were looking to accomplish in 2010. Some goals included visibility of the Commission itself and promotion of the annual awards program. Commissioner Loftus presented a pamphlet created that contains information regarding preservation, websites, phone numbers, as well as taxing information for restoration projects. The Commission also looked at the following items to possibly pursue as goals in the upcoming year:

- Landmarking of the Horse Trough
- Pursue land for National Register District
- Listing Central Business District on National Register District
- Offer suggestions for signage for redesign of Sign Code
- Discuss implementation of a 90-day demolition stop order for any home over 50 years

Commissioner Ford stated some of the potential goals of the Commission may be dictated by the findings of the Strategic Plan and maintaining the character of the Village. Chairman Marks agreed and stated the Commission will take on tasks as they are presented to the Commission.

Commissioner Loftus, also a member of the Transitional Downtown Advisory Committee, presented information regarding the current status of the Committee and the time frame for completion. Chairman Marks questioned if the Committee has considered implementation of the Main Street Program. Commissioner Loftus stated funding and a

large supply of volunteers would be needed in order to make the program work and felt this program would not be suitable in the Village. Chairman Marks provided several examples of how the Main Street Program has benefited other communities and felt this program could be beneficial to the Village. General discussion continued over the feasibility of implementing the Main Street Program in the Village.

Chairman Marks questioned if the Transitional Downtown Advisory Committee has discussed the implementation of a National Register Historic District. Commissioner Loftus stated that analysis of this subject would come after discussions related to economic development of the downtown and commercial development of the Village. The Commission continued to discuss items related to the goals and Chairman Marks noted he would like the Commission to continue working with the other Commissions to make sure the best possible outcome in architectural design occurs and to utilize the architectural design guidelines of the Village. Trustee Ladesic suggested that every time a building in the downtown district is under review, in addition to the Architectural Review Commission, they would also need to come before the Historic Preservation Commission for guidelines to try and keep the character of the Village.

Commissioner Isaac suggested instead of an approval body he would like to see the Commission as a resource for developers to come to for advice and guidelines for both residential and commercial properties. Commissioner Wright stressed the need for the Commission to be contacted during the early stages of the development before any major decisions and designs are decided on. The Commission continued to discuss options for education opportunities to developers and homeowners for any upcoming residential or commercial projects.

## **6. Historical Society Business**

None.

## **7. Chairman's Report**

None.

## **8. Trustee Report**

Trustee Ladesic reported on a number of items including the upcoming history center store. As of this meeting it has not been named but he encouraged the Commissioners to stop by and visit during the remodel process. He also updated the Commissioners on the status of the Village's current Downtown Strategic Plan study and the status of the Yalding House.

## **9. Staff Liaison Report**

None.

## **10. Adjournment**

With no further business, Chairman Marks asked for a motion to conclude the meeting. Commissioner Ford motioned for adjournment. Commissioner Wright seconded. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 9:51 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by: Chris Ragona, Historic Preservation Commission Recording Secretary

Reviewed and edited by Kristen Schrader, Historic Preservation Commission Staff Liaison, March 16, 2010