

MINUTES

BOARD/COMMISSION: Historic Preservation	DATE:	March 25, 2010
MEETING: Regular	CALLED TO ORDER:	7:40 p.m.
QUORUM: Yes	ADJOURNED:	9:08 p.m.
MEMBER ATTENDANCE:	PRESENT: Chairman Mark, Commissioners Isaac, Wright, Manak, and Loftus	
LOCATION: Glen Ellyn Civic Center	EXCUSED: Commissioners Salamunovich, Ford, Cooper, Janninck, Trustee Liaison Ladesic and Staff Liaison Schrader	
	ALSO PRESENT: Linda Gilberts, Citizens for Glen Ellyn Preservation	

1. Call to Order:

Chairman Marks called the Historic Preservation Commission meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. on March 25, 2010.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the February 25, 2010 of the Historic Preservation Commission:

Chairman Marks stated the minutes from February 25, 2010 were presented to the Commission for approval. Minor adjustments and corrections were addressed to ensure accuracy of the meeting. Commissioner Isaac motioned for the approval of the minutes from February 25, 2010 as amended. Commissioner Loftus seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Old Business:

Not discussed.

4. New Business:

A. Review of Historic Preservation Award Nominations

Chairman Marks noted at next month's meeting voting would take place for each category and asked each Commissioner to review all of the submissions for discussion and voting at the next scheduled meeting. The Commission briefly discussed some of the submissions that have been nominated for the upcoming awards.

415 N. Park Blvd. – Nominated in the renovation category.

625 Hillside Ave. – Nominated for Renovation although most of the work conducted was landscaping and indoor improvements.

490 Pennsylvania Ave. – This building used to be vacant, but façade changes were made and also renovations were completed for the use of office space.

376 N. Park Blvd – This building was nominated for the addition category and renovations took place on the back of home, garage, and porch. Chairman Marks questioned when the windows were changed before the new homeowners conducted work on the home. Commissioner Loftus questioned what the criteria for judging would be for this building and suggested only the façade changes should be used as criteria. General discussion took place over the criteria used for judging and the importance of façade changes and the view of the property from the street.

711 Riford Rd. – This building was nominated for the renovation/streetscape compatibility category.

602 Prairie Ave. – This building was nominated for the restoration category.

481 Hawthorne Blvd. – This home was built in 1906 and recently installed a new porch.

542 Hillside Ave. – This building was nominated for the restoration category.

B. 2010 Commission Goals

Commissioner Isaac provided input on goals he was looking to work on in the upcoming year such as greater promotion of the Historic Preservation Commission, the addition of signage to local businesses for historic preservation information and events, pursuit of National Register nomination for the downtown business district, participation in National Register Main Street Program, and provision of input to the strategic plan of the Village.

Commissioner Wright suggested getting a booth at the Taste of Glen Ellyn or the Festival of the Arts to promote the Commission, restoration companies for preservation, and other information for restoring homes to residents and builders. General discussion took place over other events the Historic Preservation Commission could take advantage of this upcoming year.

Commissioner Wright stated a goal she was looking for the Commission to work on this year was landmarking the horse trough. She questioned if it is being restored and whether it is currently in storage. Chairman Marks stated it is currently in storage and once the street design is finished in the downtown a new location will need to be determined with input from the Commission. General discussion took place regarding if repairs to the horse trough have been completed and if funds are available for restoration to take place and if it will be

Village policy to move the trough during the winter seasons into winter storage. Commissioner Loftus stated the best plan would be to view the horse trough first and determine the condition before any more discussion takes place regarding the landmarking of it.

Chairman Marks requested that the Commissioners continue to work on goals for upcoming meetings and prepare discussion points for the planning of the Downtown Strategic Plan.

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

Not discussed.

D. Memorial Field Discussion

Chairman Marks provided background information regarding this agenda item. He touched on the possibility of rerouting a road and the creation of a decorative wall in this area. The Commissioners discussed the possibility of the historic ambiance that could be destroyed if 50-foot floodlights were installed at the field in this area. Chairman Marks stated the Commission should draft a letter expressing their concerns regarding the details of this project. General discussion took place regarding the details of the plan and the effect it could have on the surrounding homeowners, the cost to construct, and other information on the project. Commissioner Loftus stated this letter should also include information from the ordinance and Commissioner Isaac stated he would like the Commission to review these types of proposals before they are approved so any input that is given can be used at the Village Board level. Chairman Marks stated he would draft a letter and let the commissioner's review before it would be sent to the board.

Chairman Marks attended the Special Programs Fund budget meeting and discussed the possibility of receiving money to fund another architectural resources survey. He stated the total cost to the Village would be \$6,000 and the remainder would be paid for by the State. He will keep the commissioners updated as any new information becomes available.

Linda Gilberts, Citizens for Glen Ellyn Preservation member, provided information regarding the details that will be discussed at this meeting such as the effect that excessive lighting can have on the community and dark sky compatible lighting materials. Examples of safety concerns with lighting and possible cost savings by reducing the amount of public light and the inefficiencies of the current lighting plan were also looked at. The Commissioners agreed the most efficient lighting would have a high safety factor with low glare and would be energy efficient. Commissioner Isaac stated advocating not for less light, but for better light.

5. Historical Society Business

Commissioner Wright provided information regarding the tentative May opening start date for the Historical Society Antique Store and updated the Commissioners on the creation of a mural that will be finished in the upcoming weeks.

Commissioner Manak reopened the Commissioner goals discussion and talked about a 90-day demolition delay rule, which he would like to discuss again before demolition becomes a problem in Glen Ellyn again. Chairman Marks provided information regarding the background of the idea and the need to educate the homeowner before a final decision is made.

Commissioner Isaac questioned if the commission has ever presented information regarding tax freezes on historic homes.

6. Chairman's Report:

None.

7. Trustee Liaison's Report:

None.

8. Staff Liaison's Report:

None.

9. Adjournment

With no further business, Chairman Marks asked for a motion to conclude the meeting. Commissioner Isaac motioned for adjournment. Commissioner Loftus seconded. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

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

Reviewed and edited by: Kristen Schrader, Staff Liaison, Historic Preservation Commission