

MINUTES

BOARD/COMMISSION: Historic Preservation	DATE:	May 27, 2010
MEETING: Regular	CALLED TO ORDER:	7:41 p.m.
QUORUM: Yes	ADJOURNED:	9:43 p.m.
MEMBER ATTENDANCE:	PRESENT: Commissioners Cooper, Issac, Loftus, Manak, Janninck and Salamunovich, Trustee Liaison Ladesic and Staff Liaison Schrader	
LOCATION: Glen Ellyn Civic Center	ABSENT: Chairman Marks, Commissioners Wright and Ford	
	ALSO PRESENT: Linda Gilbert, Citizens for Glen Ellyn Preservation member	

1. Call to Order

Acting Chairman Manak called the Historic Preservation Commission meeting to order at 7:41 p.m. on May 27, 2010.

2. Approval of Minutes - April 22, 2010

Acting Chairman Manak stated the minutes from April 22, 2010 were presented to the Commission for approval. Commissioner Salamunovich motioned for the approval of the minutes from April 22, 2010. Commissioner Manak seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Old Business

Not discussed.

4. New Business

a. Presentation of draft Architectural Resources Survey results – Granacki Historic Consultants

Lara Ramsey of Granacki Historic Consultants presented information on the 2009-2010 Architectural Resources Survey. The survey included 838 properties in the central portion of Glen Ellyn. Included in Consultant Ramsey's presentation was information on the broad development patterns in the survey area, the variety and number of

architectural styles located within the survey area and the breakdown of buildings deemed significant, potentially significant, contributing and non-contributing. The report received favorable comments from the Commission, and was then followed by general discussion amongst the commissioners. Commissioners discussed the current survey's boundaries and the area that would most likely be surveyed in the 2011-2012 Architectural Resources Survey. Staff Liaison Schrader stated that in order to receive additional grant funding from the state to pursue a 2011-2012 Architectural Resources Survey, the Village must demonstrate that it is utilizing the results of the surveys to preserve Glen Ellyn architecture and history. The conversation turned to the potential uses of the survey results from the past three surveys.

Consultant Ramsey suggested that these results could be used to create educational pieces for residents and also to inform residents of homes deemed significant via letters on the Village's local landmark program. Commissioner Isaac suggested that setting up a meeting, open house, or an informational presentation to educate residents on the historical aspects of their homes and what could be done to preserve it such as taking advantage of certain tax incentives might be another great way to get the landmark word out. The Commission agreed offering information regarding tax breaks could be of great interest to a large number of residents. It was determined that the homes surveyed during the first Architectural Resources Survey should be sent informational letters first on the significant status of their homes. Staff Liaison Schrader stated she would draft a letter on this topic and provide to the commissioners at the next meeting, following initial discussion on the proposed letter with the Village Management Team.

b. Memorial Field Discussion

Acting Chairman Manak summarized the Memorial Field discussion and asked Staff Liaison Schrader to review any information she gathered from Glenbard and Village Staff on the issue. Staff Liaison Schrader stated she was able to obtain very little information from the Glenbard organization on the topic, and little information other than stormwater permits was supplied to the Planning and Development Department. Due to lack of information on the topic, Acting Chairman Manak stated this discussion will continue once new information becomes available.

Commissioner Salumonvich questioned if the Commission should have any say in the proposed turf and lighting at Memorial Field. Staff Liaison Schrader stated as an advisory Commission they can recommend a formal position that can be forwarded to the Village Board. General discussion took place over the purpose of the Commission and if a position should be taken when new information becomes available. It was suggested that the Village Board should be contacted to establish if a recommendation from the Commission is warranted on the subject.

c. Other?

Not discussed.

5. Historical Society Business

Not discussed.

6. Chairman's Report

Commissioner Loftus stated that he presented the Historic Preservation Commission Awards in lieu of Chairman Marks at the May 24, 2010 Village Board Meeting.

7. Trustee Liaison's Report

Trustee Ladesic stated that the Village Board will be looking for resident input on whether to use Village funds to assist in the reconstruction of the Hill Avenue Bridge. Staff Liaison Schrader stated the Village is currently creating a survey page on the website which will provide residents with the ability to give their input on the bridge, as well as other upcoming topics. General discussion took place over the current state of the bridge and the costs associated with replacing it, ownership rights between government entities and the policy of annexing certain parcels of land and the current usage of the bridge by Village residents.

8. Staff Liaison's Report

None.

9. Adjournment

With no further business, Acting Chairman Manak asked for a motion to conclude the meeting. Commissioner Salumunovich motioned for adjournment and Commissioner Loftus seconded. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

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

Reviewed and edited by: Andrew Letson, Staff Liaison, Historic Preservation Commission