

## MINUTES

**BOARD/COMMISSION:** Preservation

**DATE:** June 24, 2010

**MEETING:** Regular

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

**QUORUM:** Yes

**ADJOURNED:** 9:20 p.m.

**MEMBER ATTENDANCE:**

**PRESENT:** Chairman Marks,  
Commissioners Ford, Isaac, Janninck,  
Wright, Loftus, Manak, and  
Salamunovich, Trustee Liaison Ladesic,  
Staff Liaison Schrader and Staff Liaison  
Letson

**LOCATION:** Glen Ellyn Civic Center

**EXCUSED:** Student Commissioner  
Cooper

**ALSO PRESENT:** Linda Gilbert, Citizens  
for Glen Ellyn Preservation member

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

Chairman Marks called the Historic Preservation Commission meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. on June 24, 2010.

### **2. Approval of the Minutes of the May 27, 2010 Historic Preservation Commission Meeting**

Chairman Marks stated that the minutes from May 27, 2010 have been presented to the Commission for approval. There was discussion on some of the wording in the minutes. It was decided that the word "determined" in the second paragraph of the Memorial Field Discussion should be changed to "suggested by some commissioners." Commissioner Ford's name was removed from the present column and Commissioner Cooper's name was added to the present column. Commissioner Manak motioned to approve the minutes from May 27, 2010 as amended. Commissioner Ford seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **3. Old Business**

Not discussed.

#### **4. New Business**

##### **A. Discussion of action pertaining to Architectural Resources Survey**

Commissioner Manak reported on the discussion that took place during the previous meeting and briefed Commissioners that were absent. Discussion arose over how the Commission could utilize the findings from this study. The idea of holding another event at the Lake Ellyn Boathouse was brought up. The event would help to inform residents of tax incentives and other benefits of designating their home as a landmark. It would also serve as an informational session for anybody who may have questions regarding the latest Architectural Resources Survey. Once a date for the event is set the Staff Liaison will contact Granacki Historic Consultants to request that someone attend.

Discussion turned to the letter that was included with the meeting packet. It was first decided that the letter should be sent out to every resident whose home was designated as historically significant and not just those from the 2007 survey. Some commissioners raised concerns that the letter did not put enough emphasis on the possible financial incentives of a resident designating their home as a landmark. It was decided that the letter should be reworked to include this information and to also include that the designation process is not difficult and home owners may continue to make improvements to their home. Commissioner Manak brought up that all landmarked homes are not automatically eligible for tax incentives and the letter should reflect this. It was also suggested that a sentence be added at the end informing residents of an upcoming informational event. Staff Liaison Letson said he would e-mail a revised version of the letter within the next week for comment from the Commission.

An idea was raised to have a pamphlet created by the Citizens for Glen Ellyn Preservation describing the variety of different landmarking programs within the Village. Staff Liaison Schrader raised a concern that it would not be prudent to have non-village information mailed to residents with a letter containing the village letterhead. Commissioners Salamunovich and Manak agreed to review the pamphlet to ensure accuracy of the information included in the pamphlet by the next meeting. Staff Liaison Schrader said she would discuss including this pamphlet with the management team and report back to the commission.

##### **B. Discussion of Stacy's Corners/History Park**

Chairman Marks provided background information regarding the properties in question and stated preserving the land for the Historical Society is vital to the creation of a proper history park. He discussed the current situation regarding the funds owed and the possible takeover of a certain portion of the property due to the Historical Society's outstanding debt. He stated all of the parcels should be invested in and preserved rather than sold and turned into a strip mall. Chairman Marks encouraged the entire

Commission to attend the next Village Board Workshop to share their views on the issue.

After a lengthy discussion, the Commission decided that it would be proper to pass a resolution of support for the Glen Ellyn Historical Society. Commissioners discussed the wording that should be included in a resolution. The Commission decided on the following wording:

*“Be it resolved that the Glen Ellyn Historic Preservation Commission (the “Commission”) objects to any alternative commercial development of the property now intended for the Glen Ellyn History Park, as the Commission agrees that the long term vision of the Glen Ellyn Historical Society and previous Village administrations for the History Park will create an asset for the Village that will serve the people of Glen Ellyn today and for future generations. Additionally it will create an attraction to draw visitors to the Village and its downtown. The Commission recognizes the fiscal issues facing the Village and all other municipalities. However, we believe a commercial development, especially when the downtown is experiencing a high vacancy rate, would be contrary to the long term goals of the Village as articulated in the Strategic Plan recently adopted.”*

Commissioner Manak motioned for the approval of this resolution to be forwarded to the Village Board. Commissioner Loftus seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**5. Historical Society Business**

No discussion.

**6. Chairman’s Report**

The Chairman did not present a report at this meeting.

**7. Trustee Liaison’s Report**

Trustee Ladesic discussed the Hill Avenue Bridge which is in need of repairs and may be shut down in the next few weeks. It is owned by the Village of Lombard and has recently been flagged with a new weight limit. The estimated cost to repair the bridge is \$3.3 million. A grant for \$2.5 million could be applied to this project leaving a remaining cost of \$600,000. The Village of Lombard requested that the Village of Glen Ellyn pay for half of the remaining cost. Trustee Ladesic stated the Village does not have any funds set aside for this expense and the amount of traffic could increase in other areas of the Village if the bridge is closed which could break down roads faster. Trustee Ladesic stated that the Village of Lombard has threatened to close the bridge permanently and the \$2.5 million in funds acquired in grant money will be lost if the Village of Glen Ellyn does not help to fund the repairs. General discussion took place over the pros and cons of the Village helping to fund repairs of the bridge and the different options the Village has on this item.

## **8. Staff Liaison's Report**

Staff Liaison Schrader reported on events currently going on in the Village. She stated surveys will be periodically posted on the village website for residents to take and she encouraged commissioners to spread the word regarding the surveys. She stated that the Village recently completed a survey regarding the Hill Avenue Bridge and the results would be published in the next week. She also asked commissioners to check the website periodically for future surveys that are created for other Village events.

Staff Liaison Letson said when he e-mails the revised letter to the Commission he will also include an updated contact information sheet.

## **9. Confirmation of next meeting date and Adjournment**

Chairman Marks stated the next meeting will take place on July 22, 2010. With no further business, Chairman Marks asked for a motion to conclude the meeting. Commissioner Wright motioned for adjournment. Commissioner Manak seconded. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

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

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