

COMMISSION: Historic Preservation Commission

DATE: November 18, 2010

MEETING: Special

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:36 p.m.

QUORUM: Yes

ADJOURNED: 8:40 p.m.

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT: Chairman Marks,
Commissioners Ford, Kummerer, Loftus,
Manak, Salamunovich, and Isaac

LOCATION: Glen Ellyn Civic Center

EXCUSED: Commissioner Wright

ABSENT: Commissioner Janninck

ALSO PRESENT: Trustee Ladesic, Staff
Liaison Andrew Letson

1. Call to Order

Chairman Marks called the Historic Preservation Commission meeting to order at 7:36 p.m. on November 18, 2010.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the October 28, 2010 of the Historic Preservation Commission.

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

3. Old Business

Old Business was not discussed.

4. New Business

A. Designation of a Historic District in the Central Business District

Mr. Letson provided information regarding the possibility of the creation of a historic district in the central business district. He stated the commission would need to discuss whether a national or a local designation would be most appropriate for the village.

Mr. Letson asked the commissioners to discuss possible boundaries of the proposed district. He discussed why certain buildings were left out of the proposed district. He also asked the commissioners to begin a discussion on which buildings would be designated as contributing to the district and what buildings would be noncontributing to the district.

Commissioner Isaac questioned why certain buildings were removed from the boundaries proposed in the Downtown Strategic Plan. Mr. Letson stated some of the buildings on the north side of Pennsylvania Avenue were designated as potential redevelopment sites.

Chairman Marks stated a nomination for the downtown was originally submitted in the 1980's, but the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency felt that too many buildings did not fit the character of the district. He discussed that over the past 25 years more buildings have become contributing and the possibility of a historic district being approved has increased. General discussion took place regarding the buildings within the current boundaries and buildings that have been torn down in the past 20 years.

Discussion also took place regarding the post office building and if it should be kept within the main boundaries and also if surrounding residential businesses converted into commercial uses should be included in the boundary.

Chairman Marks questioned the timeline of when certain events should take place including a public meeting with property owners and residents.

Chairman Marks proposed the idea of a walk through of the downtown to determine the get a better feel for the proposed district.

Commissioner Loftus discussed the approval process of a nationally designated district and if the differences between a local and a national district. General discussion took place regarding the amount of property owner consent needed for the approval of each type of district.

Commissioner Loftus asked how many property owners are located in the downtown. Trustee Ladesic stated a number of properties are owned by trusts and that the Village Planner should have this information available. Mr. Letson stated he would touch base with Village staff and try and come up with a number for the next scheduled meeting.

General discussion took place regarding the approval process of a nationally designated district.

Commissioner Salamunovich questioned the system in which the survey in the strategic plan rated buildings. Mr. Letson stated for federal purposes building designations are either contributing or noncontributing.

Commissioner Loftus questioned what the differences between a national and local district will be. Mr. Letson stated a local district would allow the Village more restrictions on exterior changes for buildings within the district.

B. Discussion of Signage in the Central Business District

Chairman Marks stated he has had trouble communicating with officials from the City of Wheaton, business owners and the sign makers in Wheaton. He stated he will be contacting communities on the east coast in order to request copies of each of their respective sign

ordinances. He provided examples of certain signage used in these communities and also stated he would keep the commission informed as new information becomes available.

C. Discuss goals for 2011

Chairman Marks asked for commissioners to think about their goals for 2011 and to bring an itemized list for the January meeting.

D. Other

Commissioner Ford stated the contractor directory list has gotten positive feedback from contractors and that discussion will continue to formulate guidelines for the survey.

5. Historical Society Business

Chairman Marks stated the Stacey's Tavern open house will be this upcoming Sunday and invited the commission and Village officials to attend.

6. Chairman's Report

Chairman Marks encouraged commissioners to stop by the Historical Society store located at Stacy's Corners to shop for holiday supplies.

7. Trustee Liaison's Report

No report was given.

8. Staff Liaison's Report

Mr. Letson stated a grant application was submitted to IHPA for the next architectural resources survey. He stated that he would keep the commission updated on the status when new information becomes available.

9. Confirmation of Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

Chairman Marks stated the next meeting will take place on January 27, 2010.

With no further business, Chairman Marks asked for a motion to conclude the meeting. Commissioner Loftus motioned for adjournment. Commissioner Ford seconded. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Submitted by: Chris Ragona, Recording Secretary
Reviewed by: Andrew Letson, Staff Liaison