

BOARD/COMMISSION: Historic Preservation

**DATE:
January 27,
2010**

MEETING: Regular

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:36 p.m.

QUORUM: Yes

ADJOURNED: 9:00 p.m.

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT:

Chairman Marks,
Commissioners Ford,
Loftus, Manak, Isaac,
Kummerer, and
Janninck

LOCATION: Glen Ellyn Civic Center

ABSENT: Commissioner Wright

**EXCUSED: Commissioner
Salamunovich**

ALSO PRESENT:

Trustee Ladesic,
Planning Intern Andrew
Letson

1. Call to Order

Chairman Marks called the Historic Preservation Commission meeting to order at 7:36 p.m. on January 27, 2011.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the November 18, 2010 of the Historic Preservation Commission.

Chairman Marks stated the minutes from November 18, 2010 were presented to the Commission for approval.

Chairman Marks indicated that under Section 5, the term "Stacy's Tavern" should be changed to "Stacy's Corner Store."

Commissioner Manak motioned for the approval of the minutes from November 18, 2010 as amended. Commissioner Ford seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Old Business

No old business was discussed.

4. New Business

A. Preliminary Determination of Landmark Designation – 671 Prairie Avenue

Chairman Marks presented information regarding the property located at 671 Prairie Avenue and stated this property would under discussion this evening for preliminary discussion of landmark designation. Commissioner Loftus stated that the property would be the 1st type of house from the 1950's to be nominated for landmark designation. He provided information from the Granacki study and stated it was identified as architecturally significant. He questioned who the original architect was and if any additional information could be provided. Staff Liaison Letson commented that he would attempt to gather more information about the property to "give it a story."

Commissioner Ford questioned the motivation for landmark designation at this property. Mr. Letson stated the owner was unable to attend tonight's meeting but he would attempt to answer any of the Commission's questions.

Commissioner Manak stated this home was well preserved and only one of the criteria needed for landmark designation was met. General discussion took place regarding the different criteria needed for landmark designation.

Commissioner Manak also mentioned that the architectural resource surveys were intended to be a stimulus for landmark nominations.

Commissioner Isaac questioned how old a home must be to be considered for land marking. Chairman Marks stated a home must be 50 years old.

Commissioner Janninck praised the homeowner for the nomination of landmark status because it may provide a gateway to additional homes for land marking of the same era and style.

Commissioner Manak motioned pursuant to Section 2-13-3 of the Glen Ellyn Village Code, approval of preliminary determination of Glen Ellyn local landmark status is to be granted to 671 Prairie Avenue. A public hearing is to be scheduled upon the Village receiving written owner consent and the completion of a planning report. Commissioner Isaac seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

B. Discussion of ICC International Residential Code

Trustee Ladesic stated an ordinance was passed that raises the minimum amount of renovation hard costs before a sprinkler system needs to be installed from \$200,000 to \$300,000. He stated that the building official has the right to look for alternative fire prevention methods in historic homes if renovations of this amount take place.

Mr. Letson provided information to the Commission regarding the International Residential Code. He stated the Building Board of Appeals would accept a recommendation from the Historic Preservation Commission regarding the language in the proposed International Residential Code for dealing with historic buildings.

Commissioner Ford questioned if the Commission wants to add language or use the exact wording in the International Building Code. General discussion took place regarding the language in each code and what the best language would be for the Village.

The Commission discussed altering the definition to include properties that are eligible for landmark designation.

Commissioner Manak moved that the Historic Preservation Commission recommends that Section 3409.1 of the 2009 ICC International Building Code, with the amended definition, be included as a local amendment to the 2009 ICC International Residential Code. Commissioner Ford seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Discussion of Downtown Historic Nomination

General discussion took place over the recent visit to the downtown to capture video and pictures that will be used for the nomination. The Commission decided that due to bad weather another date would be needed to take more pictures when the weather clears.

Mr. Letson discussed several different options to help with the submission and approval of the historic nomination. The first option is to meet with property owners to inform them about the positive reasons for nominations. The second option is to hire a consultant to help with the submission at a cost of roughly \$8,000. Mr. Letson stated the funds needed for this option will most likely be unavailable.

It was suggested that the Village contact the Art Institute of Chicago to see if an intern would be willing to work on the project at no cost to the Village. Chairman Marks stated it might be hard to find the right student for this

project. General discussion took place over the different options that the Commission could explore to help with the nomination process.

D. Discussion of the Commissioner's Goals for 2011

Chairman Marks asked each Commissioner to continue thinking about goals that could be explored during the 2011 calendar year. He asked each Commissioner to provide some goals to Mr. Letson who will compile them for the next meeting.

E. Historic Preservation Annual Awards

Mr. Letson stated information will be sent through various forms to get the word out about nominations for this year's awards. He stated he would keep the Commission updated as submissions are sent in.

F. Other

Chairman Marks stated that with the economy recovering the Village might start to see more teardowns. He stressed the need and asked the Commission to start thinking of ways to educate homeowners that are thinking about tearing down a home rather than rehabbing it. He stated that this could be addressed through commissioner goals or brainstorming ideas to come up with a plan.

Commissioner Manak stated Park Ridge has strict guidelines for the teardown of a significant home and he would try and find out more information for the next scheduled meeting.

5. Historical Society Business

Jan Langford, the executive director, has left the Historical Society. The organization is currently searching for a replacement. Chairman Marks stated it will be tough to find someone with as much experience as the previous director.

6. Chairman's Report

No report.

7. Trustee Liaison's Report

Trustee Ladesic stated the search for a new Village manager had begun and will take roughly 3-5 months to hire someone. Once he or she has been hired than the search for a new finance and public works director will begin. He also asked the commission for suggestions for material to be placed on the Glen Ellyn public

access channel and questioned if any information regarding preservation could be created in power point slide form.

Mr. Letson stated he would look into what the Commission would need to do to place a slideshow on GETV.

8. Staff Liaison's Report

Mr. Letson provided information regarding a text amendment created by Village staff to clean up the Village code and placing a residency requirement for all Village appointed committees, commissions, and other appointed positions unless special circumstances arise. He stated he would keep the commission updated as the text amendment goes through the approval process.

9. Confirmation of Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

Chairman Marks stated the next meeting will take place on February 24, 2011.

With no further business, Chairman Marks asked for a motion to conclude the meeting. Commissioner Ford motioned for adjournment. Commissioner Manak seconded. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Submitted by: Chris Ragona, Recording Secretary

Reviewed by: Andrew Letson, Staff Liaison