

**BOARD/COMMISSION: Historic Preservation Commission**

**DATE: February 24, 2011**

**MEETING: Regular**

**CALLED TO ORDER: 7:36 p.m.**

**QUORUM: Yes**

**ADJOURNED: 9:10 p.m.**

**MEMBER ATTENDANCE:**

**PRESENT:**

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

**LOCATION: Glen Ellyn Civic Center**

**EXCUSED:**

Commissioner  
Salamunovich, Trustee  
Ladesic, and Staff Liaison  
Letson

**Call to Order**

Chairman Marks called the Historic Preservation Commission meeting to order at 7:36 p.m. on February 24, 2011.

Chairman Marks stated Staff Liaison Letson would not be in attendance tonight due to a scheduled conference.

**Approval of the Minutes of the January 27, 2011 of the Historic Preservation Commission.**

Chairman Marks stated the minutes from January 27, 2011 were presented to the Commission for approval.

Commissioner Ford motioned for the approval of the minutes from January 27, 2011 as amended. Commissioner Janninck seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Old Business**

No old business was discussed.

## **New Business**

### **Public Hearing Regarding Landmark Designation – 671 Prairie Avenue**

Commissioner Manak made a motion, and Commissioner Loftus seconded, to begin the public hearing. The motion passed unanimously and the public hearing began at 7:46

Commissioner Manak discussed the planning and legal requirements that are needed in order for the public hearing to take place. Chairman Marks stated all the necessary information and documents have been provided including a published public notice.

Commissioner Manak stated that based on the application, this property would be eligible for landmark status based on Section 2-13-3(A)1 of the Village Code.

Commissioner Wright stated that this is a ranch style home and it should be considered for landmark status because of the need to preserve this style of home before it is lost. She went into detail about how this home was built during a time of changing home styles in the Midwest.

Commissioner Ford questioned if the pillars on the front of the home were added after the home was built. General discussion took place over the pillars on the porch and it was found they were put into place at after 1969. Chairman Marks stated this does not affect the historic character of the home.

Chairman Marks stated that the windows were found to be original.

Commissioner Ford questioned whether a ranch style home is architecturally significant in Glen Ellyn. Chairman Marks stated both the state and national preservation agencies look to preserve all styles of homes as long as they meet certain criteria. He added although this may not be as significant as other homes that have been nominated in the past, it certainly meets the requirements as stated in the Village Code to be nominated for landmark status. General discussion took place over the criteria needed for the nomination of a home for landmark status. Commissioner Isaac stated this home meets the criteria because it represents the era of architecture from the 1950's.

Commissioner Manak referred to the 2007 Architectural Resources Survey conducted by Granacki Historic Consultants and stated this home was described as well preserved and significant.

Commissioner Isaac moved to recommend that the home at 671 Prairie Avenue receive local landmark status in accordance with Section 2-13-3(A) of the Glen Ellyn Village Code. Commissioner Manak seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Manak motioned to close the public hearing. Commissioner Ford seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Discussion of Downtown Historic District Nomination**

Chairman Marks presented an outline and sketch also prepared by Commissioner Loftus of a potential borders for the potential historic district that the Commission has been discussing over the last few months. He discussed certain properties that would be labeled as contributing and also properties that would be labeled as non-contributing in the district and stated each block would need to be calculated to determine the ratio of contributing to non-contributing homes in each block.

Commissioner Ford questioned how the ratio will need to be determined. Chairman Marks stated this will be up for discussion and he will check with a representative from the National Parks Service to see what has been done in past nominations. General discussion took place over certain buildings that were not included and buildings and areas that may need to be omitted from the application.

### **Discussion of the Commission's Goals for 2011**

Chairman Marks summarized the list of goals provided by Commissioners and asked the Commission what goals they thought would be more important for the 2011 calendar year. Commissioner Ford stated a number of the goals presented could be categorized and organization is needed before the Commission could choose what goals to focus on. General discussion took place over the goals presented and how to organize them.

General discussion took place over if a member of the Commission needed to be from the Historical Society. Chairman Marks stated that it is appreciated, but is not necessary under Village rules.

### **Other**

Chairman Marks provided several examples of downtown signage from the east coast and stated if the Village required this type of signage it could add ambiance to the downtown and potentially bring more people in to shop. General discussion took place over what the Village would need to do to require similar signage and if the signage would need to be uniform or have certain guidelines. Chairman Marks

stated the Village is currently considering a new Sign Code and that this is the perfect time to bring information such as this to staff for consideration.

Commissioner Isaac questioned if the Commission can get more connected with items that are discussed at the Architectural Review Commission. Chairman Marks stated he would like the Commission to get more involved with items that go through the ARC and stated that the Village could benefit from this. He referenced the Walgreens building as an example.

Commissioner Loftus questioned if the Commission should make a statement on the light discussion at the high school. He provided background information on the topic and asked the Commissioners for comments. General discussion took place over the topic and it was determined to continue the discussion at the next meeting.

### **Historical Society Business**

None

### **Chairman's Report**

No report was given.

### **Trustee Liaison's Report**

No report was given.

### **Staff Liaison's Report**

No report was given.

### **Confirmation of Next Meeting Date and Adjournment**

Chairman Marks stated the next meeting will take place on March 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 9:10 p.m.

Submitted by: Chris Ragona, Recording Secretary

Reviewed by: Andrew Letson, Staff Liaison