

MINUTES

BOARD OR COMMISSION: Historic Preservation DATE: April 26, 2012
MEETING: Regular X Special _____ CALLED TO ORDER: 7:32 PM
QUORUM: Yes X No _____ ADJOURNED: 9:05 PM

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT: Chairman Marks, Commissioners Christiansen, Loftus, Manak, Rasnic, Saliamonas, Wilson, Student Commissioner Buckton

ALSO PRESENT: Staff Liaison Strong, Recording Secretary Blake, Resident Participants Gail and Lincoln Bode

EXCUSED: Commissioners Issac and Salamunovich

AUDIENCE: Samantha Liss of the Glen Ellyn Patch

PUBLIC HEARING FOR LANDMARK STATUS – 566 HILLSIDE AVENUE

CALL TO ORDER:

The April 26, 2012 public hearing of the Historic Preservation Commission was called to order by Chairman Marks at 7:32 PM in the Civic Center at 535 Duane Street, Glen Ellyn, Illinois. A quorum was present.

At the last meeting, the Bodes were encouraged to try and locate more photos of the residence. The photos presented during the hearing were from 1982 or 1983 as opposed to the 1970s photo that was included in the agenda packet.

Commissioners asked questions of Gail and Lincoln Bode concerning the application for landmark status for the home at 566 Hillside Avenue. The Bodes noted that the old porch was rotting and had dropped several inches. The alternatives were to prop it up or replace it, and they solicited bids for both alternatives. The recommendation was to replace it, which they did in exactly the same footprint as the old porch. They preserved the original columns. The Bodes also answered questions from Commissioner Manak about the rear addition and the process of choosing the exterior paint colors of light gray, pewter gray, blue and red.

Commissioners commented as follows: Commissioner Loftus stated that he fully supports landmarking the house. He stated that the porch is not original, but is period and is one way of preserving the house. Commissioner Christiansen agreed and felt that the homeowners have done a very good job. Commissioner Saliamonas agreed and stated that she loves the story of the house. Student Commissioner Buckton stated that they did a great job of keeping the home up to date but keeping it historic. Chairman Marks stated that he is in support, and that the research was very much appreciated. Commissioner Manak stated that the home certainly qualifies, and that the information on the Kerr family was nice to hear. Commissioner Rasnic stated that he will move to recommend it to the Village Board, and stated that he appreciated seeing the picture of the real Mother Jones.

Commissioner Rasnic moved, with several seconds, that the Commission recommend to the Village Board that the home at 566 Hillside Avenue be granted a landmark designation. The motion was approved unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

The recommendation will be considered by the Village Board on May 14, 2012.

Commissioner Christiansen moved to close the public hearing and Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by a vote of 7-0. The public hearing was closed at 7:49 PM.

REGULAR MEETING

Chairman Marks called the regular meeting of the Glen Ellyn Historic Preservation Commission to order on April 26, 2012 at 7:50 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the March 22, 2012 meeting have been reviewed by all Commissioners. Commissioner Wilson stated that on page 2, her title should be "Commissioner" as opposed to "Chairman". Commissioner Loftus moved to approve the minutes for the regular March 22, 2012 meeting as amended. Commissioner Saliamonas seconded the motion. The motion was approved 6-0 with one abstention.

DOWNTOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT UPDATE AND DISCUSSION

Staff Liaison Strong provided a review of the meeting and tour of the downtown area that took place with Amy Hathaway and Andrew Heckenkamp earlier this month. Some questions concerning various buildings were answered. Staff Liaison Strong circulated a revised proposed boundary map with the buildings in blue approved and those in pink needing further

investigation. Staff Liaison Strong stated that the City Bank Building requires more investigation as they were unable to determine when the building was actually built. Staff Liaison Strong stated that Ms. Hathaway and Mr. Heckenkamp recommended keeping the district south of the railroad tracks all commercial which would remove some of the multifamily along Hillside Avenue from the district boundary. Commissioner Rasnic commented that this district is not residential nor commercial but "historic". There was discussion concerning inclusion or exclusion of particular apartment and mixed use buildings in the proposed district. The Post Office with its historic painting was mentioned. Staff Liaison Strong stated that the State is interested in keeping the district concise. There was discussion concerning the merits of keeping the district concise as opposed to asking the state to allow for additional areas to be included along the periphery of the revised boundaries (i.e. post office and old Village hall).

2011 GLEN ELLYN HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARDS

There was general discussion among the Commissioners concerning the appropriateness of various houses for each award. Those structures nominated but not winning will receive certificates of appreciation.

There were no candidates for the Restoration of the Year Award nor the Streetscape Compatibility Award.

Commissioner Rasnic nominated the Benjamin Gault house at 592 N. Main Street for the Renovation of the Year Award. The nomination was seconded by Commissioner Saliamonas. The Commission voted unanimously to give the Renovation of the Year Award to the Benjamin Gault house.

The home on 591 N. Main Street will receive a Certificate of Appreciation for its entry for the Renovation of the Year.

Commissioner Manak nominated the home at 583 N. Main Street for the Architectural Details Award. The nomination was seconded by Commissioner Christiansen. The Commission voted unanimously to give the Architectural Details Award to the home at 583 N. Main Street.

There was no Certificate of Appreciation given in the Architectural Details category.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Marks mentioned that the recent *Daily Herald* article concerning the sale of the Stacy's Corner lot presents a tremendous window of opportunity for the Village. He stated that the Commission needs to emphasize with the Village Board that this presents a great

opportunity to enhance the main entrance to the Village. Chairman Marks stated that he will discuss the matter with Staff Liaison Strong.

Chairman Marks stated that there will be a meeting with the Illinois Preservation Agency on May 23 at the Glen Ellyn History Center. The discussion will concentrate on landmarking homes in the Village. He stated that a letter and flyer will be sent out to all homeowners whose homes have Glen Ellyn Historical Society plaques. He asked that the Commissioners attend the event. Commissioner Wilson will be sending out letters to citizens' groups, and will include a notice of this meeting in the mailing.

CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING DATE AND ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will take place on Thursday, May 24, 2012 at 7:30 PM.

Commissioner Rasnic moved, and Commissioner Saliamonas seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Submitted by Karen Blake, Substitute Recording Secretary
Reviewed and Edited by Michael Strong, Staff Liaison