

## MINUTES

**BOARD/COMMISSION:** Historic Preservation

**DATE:** 05/24/12

**MEETING:** Regular

**CALLED TO ORDER:** 7:45 p.m.

**QUORUM:** Yes

**ADJOURNED:** 9:15 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Glen Ellyn Civic Center

**MEMBER ATTENDANCE:**

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

**EXCUSED:** Commissioner  
Salamunovich

**ALSO PRESENT:** Staff Liaison  
Strong, Trustee Liaison McGinley,  
Audience participant Phil Eskilson

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

Chairman Marks called the Glen Ellyn Historic Preservation Commission regular meeting to order at 7:45 p.m., in the Civic Center at 535 Duane Street, Glen Ellyn, Illinois.

### **2. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from the April 26, 2012 meeting have been reviewed by all the Commissioners. Commissioner Christiansen stated that on page 1 and Page 3 her name should be spelled "Christiansen". Commissioner Manak stated that on page 1, last paragraph, should be read "The Bodes also answered questions from Commissioner Manak about the rear addition..." Commissioner Manak made a motion to approve the minutes as amended for the April 26, 2012, regular meeting. Commissioner Saliamonas seconded. This motion carried unanimously by a vote of 8-0.

### **3. Public Comments**

None.

#### **4. Old Business**

None.

#### **5. New Business**

##### **A. Downtown Historic District Update**

Staff Liaison Strong provided a brief recap regarding the current RFP that Village staff is working on. He stated that the RFP is nearing its completion and staff hopes that it will be sent out to vendors and prospective agencies in June. He referenced the proposed boundary map from the informational packet. He stated that there is a portion of the downtown that has been surveyed through an architectural resources survey, and that there is a lot of information on these properties. He stated that the map on the other side which was shaded in green contains the consensus properties which the HPC and the Village would like to be a part of the District. Staff Liaison Strong stated that a meeting/walking tour of Glen Ellyn took place on April 11, 2012 with the IHPA's Amy Hathaway and Andrew Heckenkamp. He stated that Chairman Marks also attended this meeting. He stated that the IHPA was generally in favor of the proposed boundaries, but that they would like to see two districts due to the railroad tracks.

Commissioner Issac asked about the timeline for the nomination process. Staff Liaison Strong stated that if an RFP is finished in June, the entire process could be wrapped up by next spring. He stated that per the grant deadline that the Village received, a nomination should be done prior to November of 2013.

Chairman Marks stated that he would like to see a meeting held with business owners, and that whoever is selected to nominate the district hold meetings with them to educate them on the process. General discussion was had regarding the meetings and the type of information that should be provided. The Commission was agreeable to hosting a meeting or helping assist the Village with a meeting for these business owners. Chairman Marks also stated that the Village should look into working with the Chamber as they would be a great resource for the Village. Commissioner Manak stated that he felt that this would be a good way to build relationships and help educate business owners on this issue.

##### **B. Landmarking 101 – General Event Wrap Up and Discussion**

Chairman Marks thanked Staff Liaison Strong for helping organize the Landmarking event. He stated that there was a great turnout, and that those who attended got a lot of great information. He stated that Jean Follett had to sit in for Catherine O'Connor who was unable to travel to the Village due to scheduling conflicts. He stated that those who attended the meeting last night were invited to attend a Commission meeting to see and hear what the Village can do, especially if they are interested in landmarking their home. Chairman Marks provided a brief recap of the event and stated that he had discussions

with attendees regarding the Commission, its goals for this year, and how they can get involved. He also stated that more education will be needed to help explain to homeowners the difference between landmarking and plaquing, as there seemed to be a lot of questions about that.

General discussion was held regarding different efforts that the Commission could make to educate property owners on the benefits of landmarking as well as to promote the resources available at the Glen Ellyn Historical Society.

### **C. Preliminary Determination for 369 N. Main Street**

Chairman Marks introduced Phil Eskilson, property owner of 369 N. Main Street. Mr. Eskilson stated that the home was built in 1921 and is an example of the Queen Anne Bungalow style of architecture. He stated that it was the first house built in the E.W. Zander Park Addition at the southeast corner of Main Street and Phillips Avenue.

Mr. Eskilson stated that the home underwent a renovation in the late 1970s or early 1980s where a dormer was put in on the second floor, visible from the rear of the home. He stated that there was also a “garage” that was installed in the basement. He stated that the home is in its original footprint and features a crossover architectural style between Victorian and Bungalow. He stated that he really likes the home and believes it is a great potential landmark.

Commissioner Issac asked if the petitioner had any plans for future work on the home that might impact the landmark designation. Mr. Eskilson stated that he was interested in making some improvements to the home, including closing up the garage to make a more traditional basement.

Commissioner Loftus stated that he would generally be in support of the nomination but requested additional information from the Glen Ellyn Historical Society. He recommended that Staff Liaison Strong put together an informational memorandum including information that was provided by the Society or provided by Mr. Eskilson. Commissioner Loftus stated that most likely there would be enough information that the homeowner has, but that he would like to see it more organized so that a proper motion could be made.

Commissioner Saliamonas suggested that the homeowner also look to the Milton Township Assessor’s website for more information about the home that could be helpful.

Commissioner Manak stated that Mr. Eskilson has provided enough information to make a good case for the home identifying with a person of historical significance, as there is a newspaper article regarding one of the previous homeowners. He stated that Mr. Eskilson could make an argument that the home is not only a good representation of an architectural style, but also identifies with a person of historical interest.

Commissioner Isaac made a motion to move forward with the preliminary determination of Glen Ellyn landmark status for the property at 369 N. Main Street, under Village Code Section 2-13-3 under criteria numbers 1, 4, 5, 6. Commissioner Manak seconded, and the motion carried unanimously by a vote of 8-0.

#### **D. Other Business – Glen Ellyn Horse Trough**

Commissioner Loftus stated that he would like the Commission to revisit discussions regarding the Glen Ellyn Horse Trough in the downtown. He stated that the Commission made a motion back in 2008 to recommend that the Village Board landmark the structure, but that the Board tabled its recommendation due to the 2009 Downtown Plan. He stated that the Village Board was interested in landmarking the structure at the time, but did not want it to interfere with the Downtown Plan project and decided to table its discussion on the matter. Commissioner Loftus asked that the Commission consider revisiting this discussion since the Downtown Plan is now complete.

Chairman Marks stated that one of the concerns that have been expressed has been the trough's location; however, it has been moved several times in recent history. He stated that he believes the Commission is interested in landmarking the structure and not so much the actual location. He stated that the intent is to maintain it, as it has become an icon in the downtown. Commissioner Manak stated that he would like to see it remain in the downtown, either at its current location or near it.

Commissioner Isaac asked what the downside was to landmarking the trough. Chairman Marks replied that there is no downside, and that the Village would still be able to maintain it if it is struck by a vehicle or needed to be repainted. He stated that there are several companies that are capable of restoring cast iron that would do a great job if it were to need restoration.

Trustee Liaison McGinley suggested that the Commission make a list of structures that they would like to see landmarked and prepare them for the Board. She stated that developing a list would be a great way to move forward to the Board so that they are kept aware of structures that the Commission is in favor of protecting through landmarking.

General discussion took place regarding additional structures in the Village. The Commission discussed whether they should grant preliminary determination to the Horse Trough. Commissioner Manak made a motion to move forward with the preliminary determination of Glen Ellyn landmark status for the Glen Ellyn Horse Trough located at the intersection of Main Street and Crescent Boulevard, under Village Code Section 2-13-3 under criteria numbers 1, 3, 5. Commissioner Saliamonas seconded, and the motion carried unanimously by a vote of 8-0.

#### **6. Historical Society Business**

None.

## **7. Chairman's Report**

Chairman Marks reminded the Commission that Antiques on the Green antique show will be held on Saturday, May 26, 2012 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the History Center. He stated that Commissioner Loftus will be there baking for the Glen Ellyn Historical Society Bake Sale. He stated that for the \$5 admission fee, the attendees would receive a free tour of Stacy's Tavern and discounts at Stacy's Corners Store and local area restaurants. He stated that parking would be available on Elm Street and in the Glen Ellyn Historical Society and School District 41 parking lots.

## **8. Trustee Liaison Report**

Trustee Liaison McGinley stated that recently at a Village Board meeting the Alliance of Downtown Glen Ellyn presented a new downtown branding campaign. She stated that the downtown branding would incorporate a new design and feel, and include banners with photographs from Eric Peterson. She stated that there was an article written about this effort in the TribLocal. Trustee McGinley also stated that Public Works restructuring has been completed and that the Department recently promoted several staff to new superintendent positions. She stated that these efforts were done to help streamline some of the internal processes and help improve efficiencies within the Department.

## **9. Staff Report**

Staff Liaison Strong stated that the Village will be preparing a CLG Annual Report for the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency. He stated that it has been more than three or four years since an annual report was done for the Village. He stated that he would be providing a copy of the report to the Commission when it is complete. Staff Liaison Strong stated that the Village is currently working on drafting articles for the fall edition of the Quarterly Newsletter and asked that the Commission think of potential topics for the publication.

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

Chairman Marks stated that the next meeting will take place on Thursday, June 28, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.

With no further business, Chairman Marks asked for adjournment. Commissioner Manak motioned for adjournment, and Commissioner Saliamonas seconded. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 8-0, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Submitted by: Michael Strong, Administrative Intern

Reviewed by: Kristen Schrader, Assistant to the Village Manager-ADM