

## MINUTES

**BOARD/COMMISSION:** Historic Preservation

**DATE:** 08/23/12

**MEETING:** Regular

**CALLED TO ORDER:** 7:33 p.m.

**QUORUM:** Yes

**ADJOURNED:** 8:57 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Glen Ellyn Civic Center

**MEMBER ATTENDANCE:**

**PRESENT:** Chairman Marks, Commissioners Christiansen, Isaac, Rasnic, Saliamonas, Wilson,

**EXCUSED:** Commissioners Manak, Salamunovich, Student Commissioner Buckton

**ALSO PRESENT:** Recording Secretary Solomon; Administrative Intern Michael Strong

**1. Public Hearing – 716 Crescent Boulevard – Preliminary Landmark Designation**

Commissioner Rasnic made a motion to open the Public Hearing at 7:33 p.m. regarding the house at 716 Crescent Boulevard seeking designation of historic landmark status under the Village of Glen Ellyn Historical and Architectural Landmark Preservation Ordinance. Commissioner Saliamonas seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0.

Chairman Marks re-introduced home owner Mike Wilson and then asked the Commissioners for their thoughts as testimony and facts were already presented at the July 26, 2012 meeting. All Commissioners were in support of landmarking this home.

Chairman Marks stated the application was filed on the basis as it is a Frank Lloyd Wright home and qualified by the following criteria:

1. Its value as an example of the architectural, cultural, economic, historic, social or other aspect of the heritage of the Village of Glen Ellyn, the State of Illinois, or the United States (Prairie style frame and stucco home);
2. Its identification with a person or persons who significantly contributed to architectural, cultural, economic, historic, social or other aspect of the development of the Village of Glen Ellyn, the State of Illinois, or the United States (in reference to the home being attributed to designer Frank Lloyd Wright);

3. Its exemplification of an architectural type or style distinguished by innovation, rarity, uniqueness or overall quality of design, detail, materials or craftsmanship;
4. Its unique location or distinctive physical appearance of presence representing an established and familiar feature of a neighborhood, community or the Village of Glen Ellyn.

Chairman Marks asked for a motion to recommend landmarking status for the property at 716 Crescent Boulevard. Commissioner Saliamonas made a motion to recommend Village of Glen Ellyn landmark status to the Village Board, under Village Code Section 2-13-3, criteria numbers 1, 3, 4 and 6 on the application. Commissioner Christiansen seconded, and the motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0.

Chairman Marks asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing at 7:52 p.m. Commissioner Rasnic made a motion to close the Public Hearing, and Commissioner Saliamonas seconded. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 6-0.

## **2. Call to Order**

Chairman Marks called the Glen Ellyn Historic Preservation Commission regular meeting to order at 7:53 p.m., in the Civic Center at 535 Duane Street, Glen Ellyn, Illinois.

## **3. Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner Saliamonas moved to approve the minutes of July 26, 2012, and Commissioner Isaac seconded. This motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0.

## **4. Public Comments**

None

## **5. Old Business**

### **A. 754 Lennox – Possible Landmark Status**

Alec and Tami Wanless own the Victorian farmhouse at 754 Lennox Road. Chairman Marks contacted Tami this week, and she said they do want to landmark the house. Intern Strong will send an application to the Wanless'.

### **B. 750 Elm Street**

Chairman Marks checked on this property and stated that the sign on the property says Exit Realty. He stated that the lot is 50 x 320, but he is unsure if restoration work was done inside the house.

### **C. Ackerman House at 633 St. Charles Road**

Chairman Marks stated he called the Northern Illinois Home Builders, and they told him that the program for high school kids to rebuild or rehab homes had been discontinued; however, they are trying to get this program going again. A discussion followed about possible rehabbers and possible green uses for this home if rehabbed. Commissioners will reach out to more local contacts and community organizations to see if anyone may be interested in buying the property. Commissioner Rasnic stated that he has a contact he will call, and Commissioner Isaac asked if any Commissioners had a contact on the Environmental Commission.

### **D. Doug and Ruthann Ward's Home**

Chairman Marks stated that Doug and Ruthann Ward's house, the first house west of Stacy's Tavern, has been bought by a member of the Glen Ellyn Historical Society. He stated that this is good news as the museum complex and history park could possibly be expanded in the future.

## **6. New Business**

### **A. National Register Historic District Update**

Intern Strong stated that he included updated information regarding the downtown historic district and the RFP in the Commissioners' packets. He stated that this has been a long process, but is moving forward. He stated that the IHPA had to approve areas before a nomination could be sought. Intern Strong stated that he, Chairman Marks walked the downtown with the IHPA this past April. Intern Strong stated that the IHPA did make suggestions about removing some buildings, adding other buildings and creating two separate nominations for the downtown district due to the railroad tracks. He stated that the boundaries were approved and have been included in the RFP.

Intern Strong stated that the proposals are due on September 14, 2012, and that Staff will then work on narrowing the selection with the help of a HPC Commissioner, which Commissioner Rasnic volunteered for. He stated that the results of the proposals will be presented at the September 27, 2012 HPC meeting. Intern Strong included the timeline in the packet information. He stated that the nomination needs to be submitted to the IHPA by March 23, 2012 so the Village could be on the July agenda for the IHPA as they only meet quarterly.

A discussion followed about any other potential buildings that could be included and why certain buildings were not included on the nomination.

## **B. Education on Landmarking**

Commissioner Rasnic stated that it would be good to get more education on landmarking and certain types of homes as there are newer home types which can be included for landmarking. Commissioner Isaac stated that he had a good book on historic homes and would give the title to Commissioner Rasnic.

## **C. Boathouse Questionnaire**

Commissioner Isaac asked if anyone filled out the Boathouse questionnaire to which Chairman Marks and Commissioner Saliamonas stated that they had. Commissioner Isaac stated that the questionnaire was due August 21, but he encouraged the Commissioners to complete this. Commissioner Saliamonas stated that there will be a meeting of the Glen Ellyn Park District on Tuesday, August 28, 2012 at 7pm and encouraged everyone to attend.

\*Commissioner Isaac left at 8:30 p.m.

## **D. Monthly Demolition Report**

Commissioner Rasnic referred to the Monthly Demolition Report in the Commissioners' packet and asked that the HPC be notified of these in advance. Chairman Marks stated that the HPC would like any information or photos on homes that are to be demolished that are 50 years or older.

## **7. Historical Society Business**

Chairman Marks has spent a lot of time at Stacy's Tavern as he is doing appraisal work so the insurance policy can be updated. He stated that there was a book expert there who said there is some work that needs to be done at the Tavern, including the front porch railing, the milky substance in the windows, the rear entry door and the steps to the privy. Intern Strong stated that the Facilities Manager will be conducting a Facilities and Maintenance Study of every Village-owned building that will include exteriors, interiors, building elements, infrastructure and utilities so a To-Do/Punch List can be done.

Chairman Marks stated that Tavern Day will be on Sunday, September 30, 2012 and encouraged the Commissioners to attend.

## **8. Other Business**

Commissioner Rasnic reminded everyone about the Festival of the Arts on Saturday, August 25 and August 26, 2012. Chairman Marks stated that he will bring a display of landmarked homes for the Citizens for Glen Ellyn Preservation booth.

## **9. Trustee Liaison's Report**

None

## **10. Staff Report**

Intern Strong stated that he included the HPC's IHPA Annual Report in the Commissioners' packets, which includes a timeline of the HPC's activities for the past few years along with a list of landmarked homes in the Village.

Intern Strong stated that the Village's Quarterly Newsletter will be coming out soon which contains a page about landmarking. He asked if anyone had contacted *The Patch*, and Chairman Marks stated he would.

Intern Strong stated that the Planning and Development Department received a grant to conduct a Streetscape Plan/Parking Study, and that a group of consultants are under contract for this. He stated that the Planning and Development Department is putting together a Steering Committee and would like an HPC member to participate on it. Commissioner Wilson volunteered for the committee.

Chairman Marks asked about the Village's railroad crossings that seem to be uneven and very bad. Intern Strong stated that he will take this suggestion to the Staff.

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

Chairman Marks stated that the next meeting will take place on Thursday, September 27, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.

With no further business, Chairman Marks asked for adjournment. Commissioner Saliamonas motioned for adjournment, and Commissioner Wilson seconded. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5-0, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Submitted by: Debbie Solomon, Recording Secretary

Reviewed by: Michael Strong, Administrative Intern