

## MINUTES

**BOARD/COMMISSION:** Historic Preservation

**DATE:** 10/25/12

**MEETING:** Regular

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

**QUORUM:** Yes

**ADJOURNED:** 8:51 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Glen Ellyn Civic Center

**MEMBER ATTENDANCE:**

**PRESENT:** Chairman Marks, Commissioners Manak, Rasnic, Saliamonas, Wilson

**EXCUSED:** Commissioners Christiansen, Isaac, Salamunovich

**ALSO PRESENT:** Staff Liaison Strong, Recording Secretary Solomon, Trustee Liaison McGinley

**1. Call to Order**

Chairman Marks called the Glen Ellyn Historic Preservation Commission regular meeting to order at 7:36 p.m., in the Civic Center at 535 Duane Street, Glen Ellyn, Illinois.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner Rasnic moved to approve the minutes of September 27, 2012, and Commissioner Manak seconded. This motion carried unanimously by a vote of 5-0.

**3. Public Comments**

None

**4. Old Business**

None

## **5. New Business**

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

Staff Liaison Strong stated that on Monday, October 22, 2012, the Village Board approved the proposal submitted by Granacki Historic Consultants to assist with the research, preparation and submission of a National Register of Historic Places nomination of a Historic District for a portion of downtown Glen Ellyn. Staff Liaison Strong stated that the nomination has to be submitted to the IHPA by March 2013, per the grant timeframe. He stated that the Village is working to finalize the contract with Granacki, and suggested that the HPC schedule a kick-off meeting with them during the November meeting.

A discussion followed about opening the meeting to all business/property owners/occupants in the proposed district or just providing a letter with information about the project to the business/property owners/occupants and inviting them to a meeting sometime in January. Staff Liaison Strong stated that Granacki would be available to be at a meeting on Thursday, November 15, 2012. A suggestion was made to invite the Citizens for Glen Ellyn Preservation to this meeting as well.

In addition, Staff Liaison Strong stated that Granacki will come before the Village Board sometime in March 2013 to present the final presentation nomination. Trustee McGinley stated that it might be better to have the meeting with the owners after New Year's as it will generate more interest. Chairman Marks stated that some of the people from the IHPA should come to the January meeting to talk about the benefits and to answer questions for residents and/or property owners.

### **B. Historic Structures Discussion**

Chairman Marks read a letter from Village President Pfefferman, asking the HPC to put a list together of the Top 50 Structures in the Village. Chairman Marks stated that he will work on this. Commissioner Rasnic suggested that the list of structures be alphabetical so that there is not a perception of ranking or preference. A discussion followed about possible structures to be included in this list.

### **C. Ackerman House Update**

Chairman Marks stated that he was able to meet with Masood Shaik, the new owner of the Ackerman House. He stated that Mr. Shaik is planning on remodeling the house and then renting it out. Chairman Marks stated that Mr. Shaik would qualify for the 20% tax credit as Mr. Shaik would be considered a merchant due to renting the house so he shared the process to be taken. Chairman Marks stated that he told Mr. Shaik to get in

touch with John Schreiber, who would help Mr. Shaik with what needs to be rehabbed in the house as well as determining which pieces of the house that should be kept. Mr. Shaik did not show up for his appointment with Mr. Schreiber so Chairman Marks stated that he will call Mr. Shaik again.

**D. Lake Ellyn Master Plan Discussion**

Several members of the HPC have attended the Glen Ellyn Park District meetings regarding the Lake Ellyn Master Plan project. Chairman Marks stated that the park district has hired a great firm to handle this project as this firm wants to restore the Boathouse, add additional landscaping around the lake and preserve the grounds. Chairman Marks stated that at the first meeting, different groups were formed at the meeting to talk about different areas of the park, and these groups wrote down comments and filled out questionnaires. Chairman Marks stated that at the second meeting, the firm presented the ideas and comments that had been submitted.

**E. Other Business**

Commissioner Wilson stated that they are trying to save the historic McKee House in Churchill Woods as well as two other buildings as these are the original buildings in the DuPage County Forest Preserve. She stated that the Citizens for Glen Ellyn Preservation are coming up with a plan to present to the DuPage County Forest Preserve Board. She stated that they will present the final plan to the board soon. She stated that Chairman Marks has also sent a letter to the Patch with different suggestions on how these buildings could be used.

**6. Historical Society Business**

Chairman Marks stated that he is still walking through Stacy's Tavern, doing appraisal work, and that there was a walk-through last week with the Village to see what things needed to really be fixed before winter as well as things that should be fixed in the next year.

**7. Chairman's Report**

None

**8. Trustee Liaison's Report**

Trustee Liaison McGinley stated that the Glen Ellyn Town Hall Meeting will be Saturday, December 1, 2012 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., where the residents can meet the candidates for Village President, Village Trustee, Village Clerk and Library Board as well as hear the candidates' speeches. She stated that this Town Hall Meeting is extremely important for all residents to attend so that residents can vote on these candidates. She stated

that you do not need to be a registered voter, but must be at least 18 years old and a Glen Ellyn resident. She stated that the Civic Betterment Party puts on this Town Hall Meeting.

## **9. Staff Report**

Staff Liaison Strong stated that the Civic Betterment Town Hall Meeting announcement will be in the Village's November Quarterly Newsletter.

He also stated that Assistant to the Village Manager Kristen Schrader will be the staff liaison from January 2013 to May 2013 as Staff Liaison Strong has a class conflict next semester. Chairman Marks and the HPC thanked Staff Liaison Strong for his help and work for the HPC.

Staff Liaison Strong reported that there are three possible homes coming for landmarking: 754 Lennox; 250 Regent; and 408 Phillips. Chairman Marks stated that he will talk to some of the landmarked homes' owners about creating local landmark districts.

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

Chairman Marks stated that the next meeting will take place on Thursday, November 15, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. as the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday in November will be the Thanksgiving holiday.

With no further business, Chairman Marks asked for a motion of adjournment. Commissioner Rasnic motioned for adjournment, and Commissioner Manak seconded. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5-0, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Submitted by: Debbie Solomon, Recording Secretary

Reviewed by: Michael Strong, Staff Liaison