

MINUTES

BOARD/COMMISSION: Historic Preservation

DATE: 1/24/13

MEETING: Regular

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:30 p.m.

QUORUM: Yes

ADJOURNED: 9:15 p.m.

LOCATION: Glen Ellyn Civic Center

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT: Chairman Marks, Commissioners Christiansen, Fisher, Manak, Rasnic, Saliamonas, Wilson, Student Commissioner Davis

EXCUSED: Commissioners Isaac, Salamunovich

ALSO PRESENT: Recording Secretary Solomon

1. Call to Order

Chairman Marks called the Glen Ellyn Historic Preservation Commission regular meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., in the Civic Center at 535 Duane Street, Glen Ellyn, Illinois.

2. Approval of Minutes

Chairman Marks and Commissioners Fisher, Manak, Rasnic and Wilson pointed out errors which were then corrected. Commissioner Manak moved to approve the amended minutes of November 15, 2012, and Commissioner Saliamonas seconded. This motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0 as Commissioner Christiansen abstained as she was not at the November 15, 2012 meeting.

3. Public Comments

None

4. Old Business

None

5. New Business

A. Energy Impact Illinois Presentation

Liz Optholt, with Energy Impact Illinois, presented information on an energy-efficiency grant program which provides rebates to help lower energy bills, improve the comfort of a home and enhance a home's value. She stated homeowners can save 70% off the most cost-effective and permanent energy efficiency improvements of air-sealing and insulating. She stated a licensed contractor will do an energy assessment and provide an estimate for air-sealing and insulation then will complete the work if a resident decides to move forward. She stated through this program, the assessment is only \$99. She stated if you make improvements and improve your energy loss by 15% or more, your home will receive an Illinois Home Performance Certificate, backed by the EPA and Energy Star, which can be a part of an MLS if the home is sold in the future. She stated this grant program's federal funding is set to expire at the end of May 2013 so you would want to take advantage of this soon; however, they have applied for the funding to continue. She also stated a homeowner can host an Impact House Party to share this information with 5 to 10 homeowners, and the homeowner would receive a free energy assessment.

B. Glen Ellyn Local Landmark District

Chairman Marks stated he and Commissioner Wilson had a coffee time with Mr. Vito Ippolito, of 525 Forest Avenue, and 6 to 7 neighbors about the possibility of being a part of a residential landmark district. Chairman Marks stated the participants seemed receptive to this. Chairman Marks stated he is making a map of the neighborhood and then will share this map with the IHPA's Catherine O'Connor to see if the district needs to be contiguous or not.

C. Historic Resource Center at GEHS History Center

Chairman Marks stated many residents have requested an architectural resource center which would help answer questions when restoring or renovating a home. He stated there is no space for this information at the Village's offices nor at the Glen Ellyn Historical Society; however, the Historical Society may reconsider this resource center down the line as they do think it is a good idea. Commissioner Christiansen asked if the HPC could put a list of contractors on the HPC page of the Village's website. Chairman Marks stated they can put a list of contractors that have been personally used on the page, but the HPC cannot show preference to any certain contractor. A discussion followed about ways the HPC can help get a start-up list for a resource center going.

D. Ackerman House Update

Chairman Marks stated he does not have any new information on this home. He stated he will invite the remodeler to consider local landmarking of the home.

E. Lake Ellyn Master Plan Update

Chairman Marks stated he has been going to the meetings for this and gave a recap of the first two meetings again. He stated he has been impressed by the group hired to update the Boathouse as this group has taken the residents' feedback into consideration and wants to take the Boathouse back to what it was. He stated the one thing that is up in the air is the parking issue on Lenox Avenue. He stated the HPC would still like to get the Boathouse and Lake Ellyn Park in a local landmark district.

F. 2013 Goals

Chairman Marks stated the HPC needs to update the Commission's goals for 2013. Commissioner Manak passed out a page on 2013 Suggested Goals/Activities which contained some good ideas for possibly 2013 goals. Chairman Marks asked for the 2011-2012 goals list to be printed for the February 28, 2013 meeting the 2013 Goals can be updated.

G. Other Business – 2012 Restoration of the Year Awards

Chairman Marks asked the Commission to start looking around town for candidates for the 2012 awards: Restoration of the Year; Renovation of the Year; Streetscape Compatibility Award; and the Details Award. He stated anyone can nominate a home. He would like one of the Commissioners to contact the Patch, the Tribune Local and the Daily Herald so some representatives would be at the April meeting when the awards are decided upon. Commissioner Wilson and Commission Saliamonas will contact these newspapers. Commissioner Christiansen stated she would create a Facebook page and/or a Twitter account so more residents know about these awards.

6. Historical Society Business

Chairman Marks stated the Historical Society will have a program entitled "Letters of the Civil War" on Sunday, January 27, 2013 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The admission is \$10 for members and \$12 for non-members. He stated the Historical Society will have a quilt show in March 2013 with antique quilts in Stacy's Tavern and new contemporary quilts in the History Center. He stated Antiques on the Green will be Saturday, May 18, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and the Historical Society will need volunteers to help with this show. He stated the Historical Society will soon pay for all repairs at Stacy's Tavern, instead of the Village. He stated he would like the Village to assess the water leakage coming through the ceiling plaster in several rooms and pay for these repairs.

He asked Recording Secretary Solomon to communicate this to Assistant to the Village Manager Schrader and stated he would talk to the Village about this.

7. Chairman's Report

None

8. Trustee Liaison's Report

None

9. Staff Report

None

10. Other Information?

Commissioner Christiansen stated Swinging through the Stacks will be Friday, January 25, 2013 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Glen Ellyn Public Library. She stated the Friends of the Library will also be holding a book sale in the basement of the library. Commissioner Rasnic stated he will contact Assistant to the Village Manager Schrader about the HPC getting information on any demolition requests the Village receives. Commissioner Wilson stated she be attending the Streetscape and Parking Study meeting as the HPC request on Wednesday, January 30, 2013 and Wednesday, February 6, 2013. Chairman Marks would like the HPC to see the information from this meeting as soon as possible.

11. Confirmation of Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

Chairman Marks stated the next meeting will take place on Thursday, February 28, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

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 7-0, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Submitted by: Debbie Solomon, Recording Secretary

Reviewed by: Kristen Schrader, Staff Liaison