

## MINUTES

**BOARD/COMMISSION:** Historic Preservation

**DATE:** 2/28/13

**MEETING:** Regular

**CALLED TO ORDER:** 7:35 p.m.

**QUORUM:** Yes

**ADJOURNED:** 9:11 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Glen Ellyn Civic Center

**MEMBER ATTENDANCE:**

**PRESENT:** Chairman Marks, Commissioners Christiansen, Fisher, Rasnic, Salamunovich, Saliamonas, Wilson

**EXCUSED:** Commissioners Isaac, Manak, Student Commissioner Davis

**ALSO PRESENT:** Trustee Liaison McGinley, Staff Liaison Schrader, Recording Secretary Solomon, Resident Tami Wanless

**1. Call to Order**

Chairman Marks called the Glen Ellyn Historic Preservation Commission regular meeting to order at 7:35 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 January 24, 2013, and Commissioner Wison seconded. This motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

**3. Public Comments**

None

**4. Old Business**

None

## **5. New Business**

### **A. 754 Lenox Road – Landmark Nomination**

Alex and Tami Wanless own the Victorian home at 754 Lenox Road, which was built approximately 130 years ago. Ms. Wanless was present at the meeting and stated they have applied for a Glen Ellyn Historical Society plaque for the home and are working with the Historical Society to obtain more information on the home and its history. She stated when they bought the home 2 year ago, they restored the floors and the fireplace, and the stone basement is still intact as are the lower main beams which are axe-carved. She stated they also believe they still have some of the original doors upstairs in the first 2 original bedrooms. Chairman Marks asked Ms. Wanless to bring any photos of the exterior and information to the HPC's March 28, 2013 meeting so the HPC can decide preliminary pre-determination and then have the public hearing at the May or June HPC meeting. Ms. Wanless stated she will not be in town on March 28, 2013. Therefore, Commissioner Saliamonas made a motion to move forward with the preliminary determination of Glen Ellyn landmark status for the property at 754 Lenox Road, Commissioner Wilson seconded, and the motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

There was a lengthy discussion on possible friendly Village guidelines related to design of new homes being built in the Village - in keeping them with the surrounding architecture and streetscape. Trustee McGinley stated she will talk to the Village Board and report back to the Commission at an upcoming meeting.

### **B. Glen Ellyn Local Landmark District**

Chairman Marks stated they received a letter from Catherine O'Connor, with the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency (IHPA), who had talked to one of the IHPA's Division Chiefs, Mike Jackson. Mr. Jackson said you can jump across a street to pick up additional properties for a local landmark district, and new homes would be non-contributing to this district. Chairman Marks passed around a map he made of the homes/church that could be included in this district, including 2 homes on Forest Avenue, 3 homes on Anthony Street, the Congregational Church on Anthony Street and 5 homes on Park Boulevard. Commissioner Rasnic asked if a certain percentage of historic homes need to be included to which Chairman Marks stated there is no definite percentage; however, a district can be enlarged later if need be. Chairman Marks will call Mr. Ippolito to see if there has been more feedback from his neighbors or needs more info from the HPC.

### **C. Architectural Resources Survey Grant Award**

Assistant to the Village Manager Schrader stated that the Village has received a grant award from the IHPA to complete the architectural resource survey project in the

Village. She stated the plan would be to finish the downtown district nomination and then work towards this.

#### **D. 2013 Awards Program**

Chairman Marks asked if anyone had seen any other homes for nomination. He stated they have identified 2 homes on Anthony Street. Commissioner Saliamonas stated there is a home on the northwest corner of Anthony Street and Newton Avenue that might be a possibility.

#### **E. 2013 Goals**

Chairman Marks stated many of the goals are being worked on. Trustee McGinley wondered if the HPC should merge with the Glen Ellyn Historical Society (GEHS) as they have many overlapping goals. Chairman Marks stated the HPC does things that the GEHS does not do or emphasize. He stated he does not know if the GEHS would want to merge with the HPC, but there could be more of a cooperative effort and maybe some GEHS representation at HPC meetings. He stated there is no one on the GEHS board with historic preservation or restoration background aside from their new director Jan Shupert-Arick so the HPC has been acting as an intermediary with any Stacy's Tavern issues.

#### **F. Review of Most Important Glen Ellyn Sites, Buildings and Works of Art**

Chairman Marks assembled a list of the most significant historic homes, commercial buildings, sites and works of art, per the request from Village President Pfefferman, and asked the HPC to review this list.

#### **G. McKee Home on St. Charles Road Update**

Chairman Marks stated the HPC is still very interested in saving the McKee Home in the DuPage County Forest Preserve on St. Charles Road. He stated he sent a letter to Forest Preserve District Commissioner Tim Whelan, saying the HPC would be happy to get together and talk about saving the home. Commissioner Wilson stated the Forest Preserve District is working on an RFP to go out to architectural firms.

#### **H. Streetscape & Parking Study Update**

Commissioner Wilson gave an update on the Streetscape and Parking Study and stated her biggest concern was over the possible relocation of the Horse Trough at Main Street and Crescent Boulevard with a monument. Commissioner Wilson stated there will be public meetings at the end of March for the public to give their feedback on the plan. Chairman Marks asked why they would replace a Village icon and stated the HPC should make an official recommendation to the Village to not move this. Commissioner Wilson

moved, seconded by Commissioner Rasnic that the HPC recommends the Horse Trough be kept in its current location as it is a historic icon in the Village.

## **6. Historical Society Business**

Chairman Marks stated the Historical Society will have a Quilt Show on Saturday, March 9, 2013 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Stacy's Tavern. This is a fundraiser for the Society, and there will be antique and contemporary quilts on display. He stated the Antique Show that was scheduled for May 18, 2013 has been cancelled due to lack of available antique dealers.

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

None

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

Trustee McGinley stated the new Assistant Village Manager, Al Stonitsch, will start in March as Assistant to the Village Manager - HR Danamarie Izzo has retired. She stated the Village Board has started the annual budget process and will have a few more meetings on this before the budget readings at the end of April.

## **9. Staff Report**

Assistant to the Village Manager Schrader stated if you need any Continuing Education requirements, being a commissioner can count toward this. She stated the State of Illinois Opening Meetings Act training does need to be completed per State requirements, and to let her know if anyone needs help with this. She stated the Village's electric aggregation program has started, and you should start to see savings on your March bill.

## **10. Other Information?**

Chairman Marks stated the Landmarks Preservation Council is having their annual fundraising drive and passed around letters which were sent to the Commission.

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

Chairman Marks stated the next meeting will take place on Thursday, March 28, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. Chairman Marks will not be at this meeting, but Commissioner Manak will run the meeting.

With no further business, Chairman Marks asked for a motion of adjournment. Commissioner Christiansen motioned for adjournment, and Commissioner Saliamonas

seconded. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 7-0, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

Submitted by: Debbie Solomon, Recording Secretary

Reviewed by: Kristen Schrader, Staff Liaison