

MINUTES

BOARD/COMMISSION: Historic Preservation

DATE: 3/28/13

MEETING: Regular

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:35 p.m.

QUORUM: Yes

ADJOURNED: 9:26 p.m.

LOCATION: Glen Ellyn Civic Center

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT: Acting Chairman Manak,
Commissioners Christiansen, Fisher, Rasnic,
Wilson

EXCUSED: Chairman Marks, Commissioners
Isaac, Salamunovich, Saliamonas, Student
Commissioner Davis

ALSO PRESENT: Staff Liaison Schrader,
Recording Secretary Solomon

1. Call to Order

Acting Chairman Manak 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 February 28, 2013, and Commissioner Fisher seconded. This motion carried unanimously by a vote of 5-0.

3. Public Comments

None

4. Old Business

None

5. New Business

A. 754 Lenox Road – Landmark Nomination

Staff Liaison Schrader indicated that the nomination is not ready to move forward yet as more information on the house history is needed from the Historical Society first. It is hoped that the information will be received in April, and the nomination can continue in April and May. Acting Chairman Manak said the HPC cannot proceed with this as procedurally the determination nomination is not ready.

B. Glen Ellyn Local Landmark District

Staff Liaison Schrader said that Granacki Consultants has received an extension from the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency (IHPA) for the nomination report. She stated the IHPA gave Granacki until April 15, 2013. She stated the report will most likely be presented to the Village Board during the workshop on April 15, 2013 and then the HPC at the April 25, 2013 meeting. She stated there will be 1 report with 2 districts included.

C. 2013 Awards Program

Acting Chairman Manak referred the commissioners to the information packet, which includes a Renovation of the Year nomination for 591 N. Main Street. There was a lengthy discussion about this home as it does not look consistent on all 4 sides and the architectural integrity was not carried through the addition. Staff Liaison Schrader will email the owners to have them submit more pictures of the home, including before and after pictures.

D. Downtown Streetscape & Parking Study – Historic Perspective

Commissioner Wilson stated there was an open house on March 20, 2013 where the proposed plans were presented to the residents. She stated there was a lot of feedback on the Horse Trough and that the plan “genericized” the downtown to look like many other suburbs. She stated the proposed plan does include six different locations for possible parking structures; however, other options will be presented before considering the parking garages. She stated the meeting attendees submitted comments on cards. Commissioner Christiansen stated she thought the plan seemed inconsistent. Commissioner Wilson stated the final plan will be presented at Streetscape & Parking Study meeting on April 10, 2013. Commissioner Wilson stated she will not be at this meeting, but will prepare a statement on behalf of the HPC to be read at the meeting.

E. 2013 Goals Update

As many commissioners are missing, there will be more discussion of the 2013 Goals at the April meeting.

F. McKee Home on St. Charles Road Update

Commissioner Wilson stated the DuPage County Forest Preserve has sent out an RFP to see about an architectural survey of the building and bringing the building up to code as a publically accessible building.

G. Other Business

Commissioner Rasnic stated he met with the Village's Building and Zoning Official Joe Kvapil about the Monthly Demolition Report. Mr. Kvapil told Commissioner Rasnic that the demolition process happens when there is a home or outbuilding structure tear-down past the foundation. Mr. Kvapil said it takes 3 to 8 weeks for the HPC to find out about a demolition permit. There was discussion around what permits should be researched to see if historic homes are being renovated or demolished. Staff Liaison Schrader stated she will further discuss this concern with the Planning and Development Department for the April meeting.

Commissioner Wilson stated she talked to Genell Scherell with the National Trust for Historic Preservation who mentioned context zoning, which means a building needs to fit into the existing streetscape as far as size and materials, but not necessarily design. Commissioner Wilson stated she was told this concept is protecting older neighborhoods through conservation district programs.

Acting Chairman Manak stated he checked with his insurance agent to see about possibly switching his home insurance and discovered that some insurance companies will not underwrite policies on landmarked homes. He will get more information on this.

6. Historical Society Business

Acting Chairman Manak stated the Antique Show that was supposed to be May 18, 2013 has been cancelled due to lack of available antique dealers.

7. Chairman's Report

None

8. Trustee Liaison's Report

None

9. Staff Report

None

10. Confirmation of Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

Acting Chairman Manak stated the next meeting will take place on Thursday, April 25, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

With no further business, Acting Chairman Manak asked for a motion of adjournment. Commissioner Rasnic motioned for adjournment, and Commissioner Wilson seconded. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5-0, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

Submitted by: Debbie Solomon, Recording Secretary

Reviewed by: Kristen Schrader, Staff Liaison