

MINUTES

BOARD/COMMISSION: Historic Preservation

DATE: 4/25/13

MEETING: Regular

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:35 p.m.

QUORUM: Yes

ADJOURNED: 9:40 p.m.

LOCATION: Glen Ellyn Civic Center

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

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

EXCUSED: Commissioner Christiansen

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

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. Chairman Marks introduced a group of juniors from Wheaton North High School who were attending the meeting as part of a class project.

2. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Manak corrected the spelling of a name on page 3. Commissioner Manak moved to approve the amended minutes of March 28, 2013, and Commissioner Rasnic seconded. This motion carried unanimously by a vote of 5-0 as Chairman Marks and Commissioner Loftus recused themselves from the vote as they were not present for this meeting.

3. Public Comments

None

4. Old Business

- A. Chairman Marks asked about the status of 644 Main Street which is on the southwest corner of Main Street and Linden Street. Staff Liaison Schrader stated she had not heard anything about this house possibly wanting to be landmarked. Chairman Marks stated the owners sent a note to Intern Mike Strong so Staff Liaison Schrader will follow-up on this.
- B. Commissioner Rasnic brought up the discussion on the timing of building demolitions within the Village and the monthly demolition report that the Commission receives. This discussion was determined to be postponed until "New Business."

One of the students asked if there are any benefits to landmarking to which Chairman Marks stated if a home is landmarked per the Village's ordinance, there is more protection and a possible 8-year tax freeze for the homeowners. Chairman Marks stated the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency (IHPA) is trying to reinstate the 20% tax credit for homeowners (as the commercial buildings do) to which Commissioner Loftus stated this was passed today in the Illinois Senate.

5. New Business

A. 754 Lenox Road – Landmark Nomination

Chairman Marks stated Tami and Alex Wanless own 754 Lenox Road which is a Victorian farmhouse north of Lake Ellyn.

Commissioner Rasnic stated the application was filed on the basis 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;
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 (the land was originally purchased by the Ackerman Family, sold to builder Levi Stevens and then built for local Glen Ellyn podiatrist Dr. Johnson. Dr. Johnson donated trees to the Village which were planted on Main Street);
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 representation of an architectural, cultural, economic, historic, social or other theme expressed through distinctive areas, districts, places, buildings, structures, works of art or other objects that may or may not be contiguous (the property is an

example of an L-form style of architecture with Queen Anne detailing and was built in 1893);

5. 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 (The home fronts the west side of Lenox Avenue, between Oak Street and Geneva Road. This neighborhood has been recognized for its historical significance due to the abundance of historic homes ranging in different architectural styles significant in the late 1800s to early 1900s. These properties, along with others on adjacent lots, collectively aid the historical charm and character of this neighborhood and the Village).

Chairman Marks asked for a motion to recommend landmarking status for the property at 754 Lenox Road. Commissioner Rasnic made a motion to recommend Village of Glen Ellyn landmarking status to the Village Board, under Village Code Section 2-13-3, criteria numbers 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6 on the application and the memorandum from Staff Liaison Schrader dated April 22, 2013. Commissioner Manak seconded, and the motion carried unanimously by a vote of 8-0.

Staff Liaison Schrader stated there should then be a public hearing for this property at the May 23, 2013 meeting.

B. Glen Ellyn Local Landmark District

Chairman Marks stated he called Mr. Ippolito, and Mr. Ippolito has not heard any more from his neighbors on this, but was going to collect the neighbors' names and addresses and send them to Staff Liaison Schrader. Chairman Marks stated he will give Staff Liaison Schrader a letter to include when she sends out the forms to the various homeowners. Chairman Marks stated they want to get this local district done soon as there are two other possible districts that could be coming also.

C. 2013 Awards Program

There was a general discussion concerning the appropriateness of the various homes nominated for the four awards: Restoration of the Year, Renovation of the Year, Streetscape Compatibility and Architectural Details. Those structures nominated but not winning will receive Certificates of Appreciation.

Commissioner Manak nominated 467 Anthony Street for the Streetscape Compatibility Award. The nomination was seconded by Commissioner Rasnic. The Commission voted unanimously to give the Streetscape Compatibility Award to 467 Anthony Street.

The home at 680 Crescent Boulevard will receive a Certificate of Appreciation for its entry for the Streetscape Compatibility Award.

Commissioner Manak nominated 566 Hillside Avenue for the Architectural Details Award. The nomination was seconded by Commissioner Fisher. The Commission voted unanimously to give the Architectural Details Award to 566 Hillside Avenue. Commissioner Rasnic recused himself from this vote as he knows the builder.

There was no Certificate of Appreciation given in the Architectural Details category.

Commissioner Rasnic nominated 462 Taylor Avenue for the Renovation of the Year Award. The nomination was seconded by Commissioner Fisher. The Commission voted by a vote of 5-3 to give the Renovation of the Year Award to 462 Taylor Avenue.

The homes at 479 Anthony Street, 591 Main Street and 454 Hill Avenue will receive a Certificates of Appreciation for their entries for the Renovation of the Year.

Commissioner Manak will photograph the homes at 467 Anthony Street and 479 Anthony Street and send them to Staff Liaison Schrader.

D. Downtown Streetscape & Parking Study – Historic Perspective

Commissioner Rasnic provided a summary of the recent downtown streetscape and parking study meeting and stated Commissioner Wilson's letter was not read at the Streetscape and Parking Study meeting; however, he believes the message did get across that if something is historic, do not move it. Staff Liaison Schrader stated this report will be presented to the Village Board in May or June, and Trustee McGinley stated they will let the HPC know when this comes before the Board.

E. 2013 Goals Update

The goals will be discussed at the May 23, 2013 meeting.

F. Other Business

Commissioner Manak said they would talk more about the issue of insurance for landmarked homes at the next meeting as he is getting more information on this.

6. Historical Society Business

Chairman Marks stated the Historical Society needs high school and college-age people to act as tour guides. He stated there will be a program at the Glen Ellyn Historical Society History Center on May 30, 2013 at 7:30 p.m., entitled "The Century of Progress Legacy: Preserving World's Fair Homes along the Lake."

7. Chairman's Report

Chairman Marks requested Staff Liaison Schrader update the HPC member list. An updated list will be provided in the next agenda packet.

8. Trustee Liaison's Report

Trustee McGinley stated there should soon be a signed agreement with the Glen Ellyn Historical Society. She stated the Village's budget for Fiscal 13/14 has been approved by the Board, and there will be a transition of the Village Board at the May 13, 2013 meeting. She also stated the HPC will need to follow-up on the previous conversation regarding involvement of the architect builds as she does have more information on this.

9. Staff Report

Staff Liaison Schrader stated the Village is finishing the clean-up and follow-up from the flood and gave a brief recap. She stated they are investigating the sewer back-ups and taking a closer look at Lake Ellyn.

10. Confirmation of Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

Chairman Marks stated the next meeting will take place on Thursday, May 23, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

With no further business, Chairman Marks asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Manak motioned for adjournment, and Commissioner Saliamonas seconded. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 8-0, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Submitted by: Debbie Solomon, Recording Secretary

Reviewed by: Kristen Schrader, Staff Liaison