

MINUTES

BOARD/COMMISSION: Historic Preservation

DATE: 7/25/13

MEETING: Regular

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:32 p.m.

QUORUM: Yes

ADJOURNED: 8:23 p.m.

LOCATION: Glen Ellyn Civic Center

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT: Chairman Marks, Commissioners Christiansen, Fisher, Loftus, Rasnic, Schreiber, Wilson, Student Commissioner Davis

EXCUSED: Commissioners Manak, Saliamonas

ALSO PRESENT: Recording Secretary Solomon

1. Call to Order

Chairman Marks called the Glen Ellyn Historic Preservation Commission regular meeting to order at 7:32 p.m., in the Civic Center at 535 Duane Street, Glen Ellyn, Illinois.

2. Approval of May 23, 2013 Minutes

Commissioner Rasnic moved to approve the minutes of June 27, 2013, and Commissioner Fisher seconded. This motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0 as Commissioner Schreiber abstained from voting as he was not present at that meeting.

3. Public Comment

None

4. Old Business

A. 754 Lennox

Chairman Marks stated Mr. Wanless called him with many questions about landmarking the house. Chairman Marks stated Assistant to the Village Manager Schrader called Mr. Wanless also and thinks the couple will forward with landmarking the home.

5. New Business

A. Information Only on 684 Highland - Landmark Nomination (to be discussed in August)

Chairman Marks stated there is information in the packet about the home at 684 Highland which has put in a landmark nomination. He stated this home will be discussed at the August meeting so he asked the commissioners to drive-by the home to view it.

B. Update on Informational and Merchant Signs

Chairman Marks stated that he met with the Village's Planning and Development Director Hulseberg and Village Planner Stegall about the possible signage for the Village. He stated Zac McConnell, Project Manager from Lakota (the company who will work on the new signage), was also at this meeting. Chairman Marks stated he told them that the HPC has spent a long time researching signs, and the new Village signage should augment the history and charm of the Village as well as being reflective of New-England signage which is where the Village's first residents came from. Chairman Marks brought more picture examples of signage with him including Hinsdale's National Register sign. He stated Director Hulseberg and Planner Stegall said the HPC will be invited to the Architectural Review Commissioner meeting when the signage is discussed.

C. GEHS Plaqued Homes for Sale – 750 Elm Street and 475 Cottage Avenue

Chairman Marks stated that two Glen Ellyn Historical Society Plaqued Homes are for sale: 475 Cottage Avenue came on the selling market in the past week and that 750 Elm Street is a foreclosure that could be on the market soon. Commissioner Rasnic raised his concern again about knowing what homes have applied for a Village Demolition Permit. There was a general discussion about what else could be done to save any historically-significant homes. Commissioner Christiansen stated it would be good that if any historically-significant homes are being demolished, if they would let a salvage company in to save what they can.

D. Update on Downtown National Register Nomination Designation; Public Meeting with Downtown Property Owners

Chairman Marks stated the Illinois Historic Sites Advisory Council did approve Glen Ellyn being added to the National Historic Register as 2 districts: the North District, north of the railroad tracks, which contains 32 buildings, running from Crescent to Pennsylvania, and the South District, south of the railroad tracks, running from Duane Street to Hillside. Chairman Marks thanked Commissioner Loftus for the time he spent taking pictures and walking the Village with Amy Hathaway and Andrew Heckenkamp from the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency (IHPA). Chairman Marks stated he attended the June Illinois Historic Sites Advisory Council meeting where the Village was nominated, and the Council was very complimentary of the Village. Chairman Marks stated he did

thank Vicki Granacki at the meeting as well as the IHPA's Ms. Hathaway and Mr. Heckenkamp and stated Assistant to the Village Manager Schrader would be sending thank-you letters to these people also on behalf of the Village. Chairman Marks read a letter he wrote about what a listing in the National Register of Historic Places can mean to a town. He stated there probably will be a proclamation about this at an upcoming Village Board meeting. He stated they would like to get some representatives from the IHPA here soon to talk to the downtown merchants about how this can help them.

E. Landmark Educational Letters – Great Feedback from the Community!

Chairman Marks stated that Assistant to the Village Manager Schrader sent out letters to the community about landmarking, and she has had a great response. Chairman Marks shared a few of the addresses and asked the HPC to drive-by these homes: 340 Prospect; 586 Glen Ellyn Place; and 385 Marion.

F. Chicago Suburban Preservation Alliance

Chairman Marks stated the Chicago Suburban Preservation Alliance will have their quarterly meeting on Saturday, September 7, 2013 at the Glen Ellyn History Center. Chairman Marks stated he would like to do a tour of Stacy's Tavern as well as the downtown Historic District after the meeting. There was a short discussion about who would handle refreshments for this meeting.

6. Historical Society Business

None

7. Chairman's Report

Commissioner Rasnic thanked Chairman Marks for sending the letter on the Federal Tax Credit Program to Congressman Roskam (the letter was included in the HPC's packet).

Commissioner Christiansen stated that the Citizens for Glen Ellyn Preservation now have a Facebook page.

Chairman Marks stated that Assistant to the Village Manager Schrader asked the HPC to put together a basic outline about landmarking homes.

8. Trustee Liaison's Report

None

9. Staff Report

None

10. Confirmation of Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

Chairman Marks stated the next meeting will take place on Thursday, August 22, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

With no further business, Chairman Marks asked for a motion of adjournment. Commissioner Schreiber motioned for adjournment, and Commissioner Rasnic seconded. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 7-0, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Submitted by: Debbie Solomon, Recording Secretary

Reviewed by: Kristen Schrader, Staff Liaison, Historic Preservation Commission