

MINUTES

BOARD/COMMISSION: Historic Preservation

DATE: 9/26/13

MEETING: Regular

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:32 p.m.

QUORUM: Yes

ADJOURNED: 8:51 p.m.

LOCATION: Glen Ellyn Civic Center

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT: Chairman Marks, Commissioners Christiansen, Loftus, Manak, Rasnic, Schreiber, Wilson,

EXCUSED: Commissioners Fisher, Saliamonas, Student Commissioner Davis

ALSO PRESENT: Assistant to the Village Manager Schrader, Trustee Liaison McGinley, Recording Secretary Solomon; Residents Alan Thelen and James Elliott

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. Public Hearing – 684 Highland Avenue – Landmark Designation

Commissioner Manak made a motion to open the Public Hearing at 7:32 p.m. regarding the house at 684 Highland Avenue seeking designation of historic landmark status under the Village of Glen Ellyn Historical and Architectural Landmark Preservation ordinance. Commissioner Christiansen seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0. Commissioner Wilson entered the meeting right after the hearing was opened.

Commissioner Manak stated home owner Alan Thelen gave an excellent presentation at the August 22, 2013 meeting, and the home is a great example of homes the Village should landmark. The other HPC commissioners agreed with Commissioner Manak.

Commissioner Manak stated the application was filed on the basis of 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 (Louis Christie);
3. Its exemplification of an architectural type or style distinguished by innovation, rarity, uniqueness or overall quality of design, detail, materials or craftsmanship (Tudor Revival);

Chairman Marks asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing at 7:36 p.m. Commissioner Manak made a motion to close the Public Hearing, and Commissioner Rasnic seconded. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

Chairman Marks asked for a motion to recommend landmarking status for the property at 684 Highland Avenue. Commissioner Manak made a motion to recommend Village of Glen Ellyn landmarking status to the Village Board, under criteria numbers 1, 3 and 4 on the application. Commissioner Schreiber seconded, and the motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

Chairman Marks called the Glen Ellyn Historic Preservation Commission regular meeting to order at 7:40 p.m., in the Civic Center at 535 Duane Street, Glen Ellyn, Illinois.

3. Approval of August 22, 2013 Minutes

Chairman Marks pointed out an error on page 5, letter F which was corrected. Commissioner Manak made a motion to approve the amended minutes of August 22, 2013, and Commissioner Christiansen seconded. The motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

4. Public Comment

None

5. Old Business

None

6. New Business

A. Landmark Nomination – Preliminary Determination – 253 Anthony Street

James and Helen Elliott own the home at 253 Anthony Street and are requesting the HPC consider the nomination of their home as a local landmark. Mr. Elliott stated they

are in the preliminary stages of researching the home and have talked to Bob Chambers at the Glen Ellyn Historical Society.

Commissioner Manak stated after some additional research on the home, the home owners should be able to check more criteria on the application form.

Chairman Marks asked for a motion to move forward with preliminary determination of landmark status for the property at 253 Anthony Street. Commissioner Schreiber made the motion, under criteria number 6 on the application.

1. Its unique location or distinctive physical appearance or presence representing an established and familiar visual feature of a neighborhood, community or the Village of Glen Ellyn.

Commissioner Manak seconded, and the motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0. Assistant to the Village Manager Schrader communicated the next steps to Mr. Elliott.

B. Update on 644 N. Main Street Landmark Designation

Assistant to the Village Manager Schrader stated the home at 644 N. Main Street was approved for landmarking at a September Village Board meeting.

C. Informational Guidelines for Glen Ellyn Landmark Process

Assistant to the Village Manager Schrader stated Chairman Marks should include the process steps, address any possible concerns and explain the difference between a Village landmark plaqued home and the Glen Ellyn Historical Society plaqued home. Commissioner Loftus stated he submitted the brochure to Catherine O'Connor with the Illinois Historical Preservation Agency (IHPA) to see if any updates should be added. Commissioner Manak stated he talked to Mark Herman at Mail and Stuff and shared the quotes from Mr. Herman for reprinting the brochures. Commissioner Manak asked if there might be any grant money from Landmarks Illinois to help pay for the costs of reprinting the brochures. Commissioner Rasnic stated it would be good to put a video together to explain the landmarking process.

D. Update on Downtown National Register/Landmarked Properties Public Meeting on Available Tax Benefits

Assistant to the Village Manager Schrader stated she will send reminders to the Glen Ellyn Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Alliance about the October 10, 2013 meeting as well as other municipalities' assistant managers so they could let their historic societies and commissions know. Assistant to the Village Manager Schrader stated Carol Dyson will be the guest speaker at the meeting, and the Glen Ellyn

Historical Society and the HPC will have tables at this meeting. Chairman Marks encouraged all HPC commissioners to be at this meeting.

E. Update on Wayfinding Signage

Chairman Marks stated he attended the September 11, 2013 Architectural Review Commission (ARC) meeting where the Wayfinding Signage was discussed. He stated the ARC wants to keep the feeling of traditional signage. Trustee Liaison McGinley stated Chairman Marks was able to educate the ARC on the importance of traditional signage and the New-England style. Trustee Liaison McGinley stated the consultants are now doing field work on these new signs while the staff is working on rewriting the Sign Code. Chairman Marks stated he told the ARC that the HPC does not want the Village entrance signs changed, except for possibly a bigger presence on Roosevelt Road and also suggested the ARC visit Wheaton to look at their signs. Chairman Marks stated he and Commissioner Wilson attended the September 25, 2013 ARC meeting where the Signage Code was being discussed, and the ARC said that this is a new direction for them with the downtown landmark district and historical signage. Chairman Marks stated the ARC suggested a historical sign package design for the downtown which would have an offshoot for Roosevelt Road so there would be consistency.

F. Update on Chicago Suburban Alliance Meeting

Chairman Marks stated he and Commissioner Loftus spoke at the Chicago Suburban Alliance Meeting and were very pleased with the success of the event. Chairman Marks stated they handed out a synopsis of the National Register Nomination process and then talked about future steps for the downtown districts.

7. Historical Society Business

Chairman Marks stated there will be a mum sale from September 25 to September 29 as well as Tavern Days on Sunday, September 29, 2013 from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

8. Chairman's Report

None

9. Trustee Liaison's Report

None

10. Staff Report

Assistant to the Village Manager Schrader stated the staff is ready to begin the 2013/14 Architectural Resources Survey, which will be the fourth survey the Village has done. She stated the Request for Proposals (RFP) was sent out, and proposals are due at the end of October.

11. Confirmation of Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

Chairman Marks reminded the HPC of the October 10, 2013 public meeting and stated the next meeting will take place on Thursday, October 24, 2013, at 7:30 p.m.

With no further business, Chairman Marks asked for a motion of adjournment. Commissioner Schreiber made a motion for adjournment, and Commissioner Manak seconded. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 7-0, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Submitted by: Debbie Solomon, Recording Secretary

Reviewed by: Kristen Schrader, Staff Liaison