

MINUTES

BOARD/COMMISSION: Historic Preservation

DATE: 10/24/13

MEETING: Regular

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:31 p.m.

QUORUM: Yes

ADJOURNED: 8:51 p.m.

LOCATION: Glen Ellyn Civic Center

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

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

EXCUSED: Commissioners Manak, Rasnic, Schreiber, Saliamonas

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

1. Public Hearing – 253 Anthony Street – Landmark Designation

Chairman Marks opened the Public Hearing at 7:31 p.m. regarding the house at 253 Anthony Street seeking designation of historic landmark status under the Village of Glen Ellyn Historical and Architectural Landmark Preservation ordinance.

Commissioner Loftus asked about the original owner of the home to which Mr. Elliott stated the Glen Ellyn Historical Society did research, and they were not able to ascertain the original owner. Commissioner Loftus stated the home is a great period home and is a good candidate for landmarking. Commissioner Wilson stated she likes the home's integrity and how it is situated on the property. Chairman Marks stated it is a great example of a late Victorian gable-front cottage.

Chairman Marks asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing at 7:34 p.m. Commissioner Loftus made a motion to close the Public Hearing, and Commissioner Christiansen seconded. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5-0.

Commissioner Wilson 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;
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;
5. 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.

Chairman Marks asked for a motion to recommend landmarking status for the property at 253 Anthony Street. Commissioner Wilson made a motion to recommend Village of Glen Ellyn landmarking status to the Village Board, under criteria numbers 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6 on the application. Commissioner Christiansen seconded, and the motion carried unanimously by a vote of 5-0.

2. Call to Order

Chairman Marks called the regular 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 September 26, 2013 Minutes

Chairman Marks pointed out an error on page 4, letter E which was corrected. Commissioner Loftus made a motion to approve the amended minutes of September 26, 2013, and Commissioner Wilson seconded. The motion carried unanimously by a vote of 5-0.

4. Public Comment

None

5. Old Business

None

6. New Business

A. Informational Guidelines for Glen Ellyn Landmark Process

Chairman Marks passed out and read the first-draft sample letter inviting the residents to consider “landmarking.” The commissioners made a few suggestions for revisions. This letter will be in the November meeting packet so all the commissioners can read the letter and be prepared to make any comments/revisions.

B. Recap on Downtown National Register/Landmarked Properties Public Meeting on Available Tax Benefits

Commissioner Loftus stated the October 10th was very successful with approximately 50 Glen Ellyn residents and property owners as well as residents from other communities attending the meeting. Commissioner Loftus stated Carol Dyson, Chief Architect with the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency (IHPA), gave a presentation on the tax benefits, and Lisa DiChiera with Landmarks Illinois gave a short presentation related to the importance of continuing these historic tax benefit programs within the State of Illinois. Chairman Marks stated the IHPA applauded the work that has been done in the Village. Chairman Marks thanked Assistant to the Village Manager Schrader for her work on this meeting.

C. Update on Wayfinding Signage

Chairman Marks stated that he and Commissioners Loftus and Wilson attended the October 21st Village Board Workshop where the Wayfinding Signage was discussed. Chairman Marks stated he was disappointed in the Lakota Group, and Trustee McGinley stated the Lakota Group was redirected by the staff on some signage. Commissioner Loftus stated Village President Demos changed the direction on what was presented and where the Village should be headed in the future. Commissioner Wilson stated Village President Demos favors the current wayfinding signage. Chairman Marks stated the Village has good ideas on the table, and Trustee McGinley stated she was encouraged from Monday’s meeting. Chairman Marks stated he recommended to the Board that the current Village entrance signs remain, except for on Roosevelt Road where the signs need to be more dominant. Trustee McGinley stated the Village may have an electronic message board, but if you see an electronic message board that is done well, ensure you take a picture of it to submit to the staff.

D. Architectural Resources Survey RFP Results Discussion

Staff Liaison Keenan passed out a Staff Memo regarding the Architectural Resources Survey (ARS) RFP. He stated they sent the RFP to 9 firms and received 3 responses by yesterday’s deadline. He stated all 3 proposals were thoroughly reviewed to verify that they followed the guidelines set in the RFP as well as checking for how in-depth each firm would research the homes within the boundaries provided. He stated after

reviewing the 3 proposals, the staff is recommending that Granacki Historic Consultants be awarded this contract. Chairman Marks stated this is the best choice as Granacki has done great work for the Village.

Commissioner Loftus made a motion to recommend to the Village Board that Granacki Historic Consultants be awarded the 2013/14 ARS, and Commissioner Christiansen seconded. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5-0.

E. Stacy's Corners Map

Chairman Marks passed out a map of the early Stacy's Corners showing the original buildings in the settlement. This map will be put in the November meeting packet so all commissioners can see it.

F. Forest Hill Cemetery – Pre-Determination for Landmarking Status

Chairman Marks stated the Glen Ellyn Historical Society has completed an application to nominate the Forest Hill Cemetery for local landmark status, and he would like to discuss this at the next meeting. He stated the cemetery is currently owned by the Forest Hill Cemetery Association, and the cemetery was called The Burying Ground when it originated in 1845. He stated the cemetery was then called Oak Grove in 1875 before the current name change to Forest Hill in 1879. He stated many Civil War soldiers are buried there.

Commissioner Fisher made the motion to move forward with the landmarking process for the Forest Hill Cemetery, and Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5-0. Staff Liaison Keenan will get the application packet to Assistant to the Village Manager Schrader.

G. Current GEHS Plaquing Program Brochure

Chairman Marks passed around the current brochure for the GEHS's plaquing program.

7. Historical Society Business

Chairman Marks stated the GEHS is looking for a new manager for Stacy's Corner Store. He stated there will be a Holiday Craft Bazaar on November 16th and 17th.

8. Chairman's Report

None

9. Trustee Liaison's Report

Trustee McGinley stated the Village Board is starting tax and budget discussions for next year, funding for the Glen Ellyn Volunteer Fire Company and space needs for the Police Department and the rest of the Civic Center.

10. Staff Report

Staff Liaison Keenan stated the landmarking of 684 Highland Avenue will be on the October 28, 2013 Village Board agenda. He stated 6 of the homeowners from the October 10th meeting are qualified to have their homes landmarked, and Assistant to the Village Manager Schrader is still receiving calls from this meeting.

Chairman Marks stated the HPC usually moves the November meeting 2 weeks earlier to the 2nd Thursday due to the Thanksgiving holiday so the next meeting would be November 14, 2013. The commissioners stated they were fine with this, and Assistant to the Village Manager Schrader will email this date to the commissioners to ensure there will be a quorum.

11. Confirmation of Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

Chairman Marks stated the next meeting will take place on Thursday, November 14, 2013, at 7:30 p.m.

With no further business, Chairman Marks asked for a motion of adjournment. Commissioner Christiansen made a motion for adjournment, and Commissioner Loftus seconded. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5-0, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Submitted by: Debbie Solomon, Recording Secretary

Reviewed by: Kristen Schrader, Staff Liaison