

MINUTES

BOARD/COMMISSION: Historic Preservation

DATE: 1/23/14

MEETING: Regular

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:27 p.m.

QUORUM: Yes

ADJOURNED: 9:04 p.m.

LOCATION: Glen Ellyn Civic Center

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

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

EXCUSED: None

ALSO PRESENT: Assistant to the Village Manager Schrader, Trustee Liaison McGinley, Recording Secretary Solomon, Suzanne Carty, Bob Chambers and Weldon and Judy Johnson from the Glen Ellyn Historical Society

1. Public Hearing – Forest Hill of Glen Ellyn Cemetery – Landmark Designation

Commissioner Schreiber made a motion to open the Public Hearing at 7:27 p.m. regarding the Forest Hill of Glen Ellyn Cemetery seeking designation of historic landmark status under the Village of Glen Ellyn Historical and Architectural Landmark Preservation ordinance. Commissioner Manak seconded, and the motion carried unanimously by a vote of 8-0. Commissioner Rasnic entered the meeting after this vote.

All commissioners stated they were in favor of moving forward with landmark status. Commissioner Manak clarified the official name of the cemetery for the ordinance and stated it should be called "Forest Hill of Glen Ellyn Cemetery." Mr. Chambers agreed with this.

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;
3. 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;
4. 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 move forward with the recommendation to the Village Board for landmark status of the Forest Hill of Glen Ellyn Cemetery.

Commissioner Manak made the motion, under criteria numbers 1, 3, 5 and 6 on the application. Commissioner Schreiber seconded, and the motion carried unanimously by a vote of 9-0. Assistant to the Village Manager Schrader stated this will come before the Village Board on February 10, 2014.

Chairman Marks asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing at 7:38 p.m. Commissioner Rasnic made a motion to close the Public Hearing, and Commissioner Christiansen seconded. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 9-0.

2. Call to Order

Chairman Marks called the Glen Ellyn Historic Preservation Commission regular meeting to order at 7:39 p.m., in the Civic Center at 535 Duane Street, Glen Ellyn, Illinois.

3. Approval of October 24, 2013 Minutes

Commissioner Manak pointed out corrections to the *Also Present* section and the Forest Hill of Glen Ellyn Cemetery name. Commissioner Schreiber made a motion to approve the amended minutes of November 14, 2013, and Commissioner Manak seconded. The motion carried unanimously by a vote of 9-0.

4. Public Comment

None

5. Old Business

None

6. New Business

A. February 6th Developer/Realtor Event Updates

Chairman Marks stated there will be an event for architects, developers and realtors at 10am on February 6, 2014 at the Glen Ellyn Civic Center's Clayton Room on the 2nd Floor. He stated this get-together is to start a discussion on new development from a historic perspective, the historic streetscapes of the Village and the development of a possible partnership/certification program for the architects, developers and realtors. There was a discussion on what this possible program could be.

Chairman Marks stated Commissioner Loftus has been taking pictures of historic home-design examples to show at this meeting, and more homes were added to this list. Chairman Marks stated they want to show that the HPC can be a resource on historic home designs. He thanked Trustee McGinley and Assistant to the Village Manager Schrader for putting this meeting together.

B. Informational Guidelines for Glen Ellyn Landmark Process

Chairman Marks stated he made the corrections suggested at the November meeting, and the updated version is in the commissioners' packets. Commissioner Manak stated he thinks the benefits bullet points should be separated into Landmarking and Plaquing as there could be some confusion. Chairman Marks asked Commissioner Manak to redo the bullet-point section and send it to Ms. Schrader. Ms. Schrader asked all the commissioners to send her any changes which she could then send out to all commissioners in the next packet. Trustee McGinley suggested placing this document on Google Docs so all commissioners can see changes.

C. Selections and Nominations for HPC Awards Program

Chairman Marks stated the commissioners should start looking around the Village for homes that could be nominated this year. A few suggestions for homes to be nominated were mentioned: 501 Phillips for the Streetscape Award, 602 Prairie for the Renovation Award and a house on Hill Avenue for the Architectural Details.

D. Village of Winnetka – Landmark Ordinance Opposition

Commissioner Loftus stated he heard at the Suburban Alliance meeting that there is some opposition to landmarking homes from a village board trustee in Winnetka as it could negatively affect the village from a tax-loss standpoint. Commissioner Loftus read an article from the *Chicago Tribune* from October 2012.

E. Key House Advisory Committee

Commissioner Schreiber stated he was approached by Forest Preserve Commissioner Ray Whelan to be on a possible advisory committee for the McKee House. Commissioner Schreiber stated the Forest Preserve District is in talks about creating this committee.

F. Possible Cruise Night

Commissioner Rasnic stated he is on a Lions' Club committee that is in talks with the Glen Ellyn Chamber of Commerce to start a possible Cruise Night during the summer.

7. Historical Society Business

Commissioner Manak stated there will be an Antique Auto Show on the grounds of the Historical Society on Sunday, May 18, 2014 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Chairman Marks stated Ann Keating will give a talk on Sunday, January 26, 2014.

8. Chairman's Report

None

9. Trustee Liaison's Report

Trustee McGinley stated the Village Board is discussing the possibility of building a new Police Station at Panfish Park. She stated there will be a special Village Board Workshop on Thursday, January 30, 2014 to discuss budget matters. She stated the new fee for the Glen Ellyn Volunteer Fire Company will appear on residents' Utility Services bill in May.

10. Staff Report

None

11. Confirmation of Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

Chairman Marks stated the next meeting will take place on Thursday, February 27, 2014, at 7:30 p.m.

With no further business, Chairman Marks asked for a motion of adjournment. Commissioner Rasnic made a motion for adjournment, and Commissioner Manak seconded. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 9-0, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Submitted by: Debbie Solomon, Recording Secretary

Reviewed by: Kristen Schrader, Staff Liaison