

MINUTES

BOARD/COMMISSION: Historic Preservation

DATE: 2/27/14

MEETING: Regular

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:34 p.m.

QUORUM: Yes

ADJOURNED: 8:57 p.m.

LOCATION: Glen Ellyn Civic Center

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

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

EXCUSED: Commissioner Christiansen

ALSO PRESENT: Assistant to the Village Manager Schrader, Trustee Liaison McGinley, Recording Secretary Solomon, John Keating, Molly Starmann

1. Call to Order

Chairman Marks called the Glen Ellyn Historic Preservation Commission regular meeting to order at 7:34 p.m., in the Civic Center at 535 Duane Street, Glen Ellyn, Illinois.

2. Approval of January 23, 2014 Minutes

Commissioner Manak pointed out a correction to an address on page 3. Commissioner Schreiber made a motion to approve the amended minutes of January 23, 2014, and Commissioner Rasnic seconded. The motion carried unanimously by a vote of 8-0.

3. Public Comment

None

4. Old Business

None

5. New Business

A. 627 Euclid Avenue – Landmarked Property Proposed Updates

John Keating, Principal with Keating Architecture Group, presented information on proposed property updates for the landmarked property at 627 Euclid Avenue. Homeowner Molly Starmann was also at this meeting and stated this is a Lexington model for a Sears Home. Mr. Keating stated they are proposing an addition to the home which will have little to no alteration to the historic part of the home's exterior. He stated the only change to the front of the house is an addition of a 4-foot exterior stair and landing on the north elevation which will be mostly hidden by existing landscaping. He stated the other updates are proposed for the rear of the house. He stated the gables, trim and siding would be matched as closely as possible to the existing home, and they are keeping as much of the original construction as possible. He stated there would be some changes to windows, but none in the front of the home.

Commissioner Schreiber asked if the wood siding would be kept to which Mr. Keating stated they are proposing to use maintenance-free wood products that will be painted to match the existing siding. Commissioner Loftus asked about the chimneys to which Mr. Keating stated the proposed chimney would match the height of the other chimneys, but they do not have exact specifications for this chimney yet.

Commissioner Schreiber made a motion to approve the plans for the proposed updates to the landmarked property at 627 Euclid Avenue, and Commissioner Manak seconded. The motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0 with Commissioner Loftus abstaining from this vote.

B. February 6 Developer/Realtor Event Update

Chairman Marks thanked Trustee McGinley and Assistant to the Village Manager Schrader for their work on this event. Ms. Schrader stated they had 20 attendees and showed picture examples of historic homes. Chairman Marks stated there was good discussion, and this was a good starting point. Trustee McGinley stated the developers and architects have expressed an interest in an online reference tool that would refer to what is a historically significant home by neighborhood, including prevalent architectural styles by neighborhoods, and they would like to have a semi-annual or annual meeting with the Planning Department to follow-up on different issues. Ms. Schrader stated the Village is in the process of having GIS consultants work on Village maps that are done in layers – for example, sewer lines or street lights. She stated the HPC could help to put together a list of historically-significant/architecturally prevalent homes and suggested creating a subcommittee to consider alternatives on how to do this, how to approach this and what to include.

Commissioner Manak made a motion for Chairman Marks to appoint a 3-person subcommittee to work on this project, and Commissioner Fisher seconded. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 8-0.

C. Informational Guidelines for Glen Ellyn Landmark Process

Commissioner Manak stated Commissioner Christiansen redid the draft document with a 2-column approach so the benefits for each process could be seen easier, and Commissioner Manak also made some edits to the document. Some more suggestions for edits were made, and Commissioner Manak stated he would correct the draft and get it to Ms. Schrader to be included in the March HPC meeting packets.

D. 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. Chairman Marks stated the garage renovation at 602 Prairie should be nominated for the Details Award. Commissioner Manak passed around pictures of the home at 501 Phillips, and there was a discussion about this home. It was decided this home would not be nominated for an award as it is not eligible. Chairman Marks stated he would ask the Glen Ellyn Historical Society and Citizens for Glen Ellyn Preservation for any nominations as well. Ms. Schrader stated these awards were advertised in the e-news, the Village's newsletter and on Facebook.

E. Baker House

Chairman Marks stated he talked with the owner of the Baker House at the February 6 Developer/Realtor Event. He stated the home is on the National Register, and he encouraged the home owner to consider local landmarking the home as well as doing a Glen Ellyn Historical Society plaque. There was a discussion about whether the home is in the Village limits due to where it is located. Trustee McGinley looked at a map of the home's location and stated she thinks the home is in the Village limits.

F. Legendary Landmarks Celebration

Commissioner Rasnic asked if anyone had information on the Legendary Landmarks Celebration 2014 which was in the HPC meeting packet.

G. Chicago Suburban Preservation Alliance Meeting

Commissioner Wilson stated there is an Alliance Meeting in Blue Island this Saturday, March 1. Commissioner Loftus stated he will be attending this.

H. Vintage Auto Fest

Commissioner Manak stated he is helping with the Vintage Auto Fest which will be held

Sunday, May 18 from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Stacy's Tavern and the Glen Ellyn History Center. He passed around information about this event. He stated the event is being presented by the Glen Ellyn Historical Society and hosted by the Blackhawk Chapter-Studebaker Driver's Club and the Packards of Chicagoland.

I. McKee House Advisory Committee

Commissioner Schreiber stated he is a member of the 9-person McKee Preservation Group Limited that was put together to help restore the McKee House. He stated they are looking for members to join from the surrounding communities and to let him know if you are interested.

6. Historical Society Business

Chairman Marks stated the Forest Hill of Glen Ellyn Cemetery was approved as a local landmark at the February 10 Village Board Meeting. He stated Bob Chambers was also recognized for his commitment to the preservation of the Village's history.

Commissioner Fisher brought in a newspaper article about this and passed it around.

Chairman Marks stated the Glen Ellyn Historical Society Board asked if the HPC would meet at Stacy's Tavern for the May HPC meeting so they could be a part of it. He stated this was approved by the Village Staff so the May 22, 2014 HPC meeting will be at Stacy's Tavern, starting with refreshments at 7:00 p.m. and the meeting starting at 7:30 p.m. Chairman Marks stated it might be a good idea to do this kind of meeting on an annual basis.

7. Chairman's Report

None

8. Trustee Liaison's Report

Trustee McGinley stated the Village Board is prioritizing the Village's Capital Projects for financial reasons and have been discussing what projects should be in the forefront. She stated they are starting to discuss the budget as it will only be an 8-month budget this year and then a calendar-year budget starting in 2015. She stated the Board approved a switch in the Village's ambulance service.

Commissioner Manak asked about the sale of the apartment units on Roosevelt Road to which Trustee McGinley stated the units were sold, but since these units are no longer in the TIF, they are not protected, and the new owner may redo them and raise the rents.

9. Staff Report

None

10. Confirmation of Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

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

With no further business, Chairman Marks asked for a motion of adjournment. Commissioner Manak made a motion for adjournment, and Commissioner Schreiber seconded. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 8-0, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Submitted by: Debbie Solomon, Recording Secretary

Reviewed by: Kristen Schrader, Staff Liaison