

MINUTES

BOARD/COMMISSION: Historic Preservation

DATE: 3/27/14

MEETING: Regular

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:32 p.m.

QUORUM: Yes

ADJOURNED: 8:54 p.m.

LOCATION: Glen Ellyn Civic Center

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

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

EXCUSED: Student Commissioner Davis

ALSO PRESENT: Assistant to the Village Manager Schrader, Trustee Liaison McGinley

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 February 27, 2014 Minutes

Commissioner Manak made a motion to approve the minutes of February 27, 2014, and Commissioner Saliamonas seconded. The motion carried unanimously by a vote of 8-0 with Commissioner Christiansen abstaining from the vote as she was not present at this meeting.

3. Public Comment

None

4. Old Business

A. Chicago Suburban Preservation Alliance Meeting

Chairman Marks asked if Commissioner Wilson attended this meeting, and Commissioner Wilson stated she did not. Chairman Marks stated no one from HPC was

able to attend, but he would like an update from this meeting. Commissioner Wilson stated she would send an email, requesting a recap outline.

B. Vintage Auto Fest

Commissioner Manak reminded the commissioners about 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 stated there will be four different 30-minute educational programs starting in the History Center at 1:30 p.m. and will include the history of the Studebaker Car Company, the history of the Packard Car Company, the Lincoln Highway and old cars in Glen Ellyn.

5. New Business

A. 574 N. Main Street – Landmarked Property Proposed Updates

Assistant to the Village Manager Schrader referred the commissioners to the information in the packet on this and stated the home owners will not be doing anything to the house, but to the outside property. She stated they will be adding landscaping and a gazebo as well as putting new brick pavers in. There was a discussion whether the HPC should vote on this or not since it is not affecting the actual home and the Village's Landmark Ordinance is not clear on if these types of renovations need to be approved by the HPC. Chairman Marks stated it is good for the HPC to look at everything anyways.

Commissioner Fisher made a motion to approve the entire project including the gazebo, pavers and driveway for the landmarked property at 574 N. Main Street, and Commissioner Manak seconded. The motion carried unanimously by a vote of 9-0.

B. Informational Guidelines for Glen Ellyn Landmark Process

Commissioner Manak thanked Ms. Schrader and Commissioner Christiansen for their additional work and updates on this document. Commissioner Manak stated he did add "the iconic Horse Trough" to the document.

Commissioner Schreiber made a motion to approve the finalized document of the Informational Guidelines for Glen Ellyn Landmark Process, and Commissioner Manak seconded. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 9-0.

Commissioner Wilson stated the Citizens for Glen Ellyn Preservation will be sending out an email soon about signs being put in front of homes in May and asked if she could include this document with the email. The commissioners agreed this was fine, and Ms. Schrader will send the document to Commissioner Wilson.

C. Selections and Nominations for HPC Awards Program

Chairman Marks encouraged the commissioners to look around for more nominees as the HPC will vote on these awards at the April meeting. Chairman Marks stated 503 Ridgewood should be considered for the Streetscape Compatibility Award, and the commissioners agreed. Commissioner Christiansen stated 455 Hill should be nominated for the Architectural Details Award as they have added gas lamps as the sidewalk and over the front door, extended the chimney and replaced the windows, and the house looks good. Staff Liaison Schrader referred the commissioners to the nomination form in the packet for 255 N. Main Street. There was a discussion on this home, and the commissioners determined the home should be nominated for Restoration of the Year. Chairman Marks reminded the commissioners about 602 Prairie for the Architectural Details Award as well for the garage renovation. There was a discussion at length about 501 Phillips, and it was decided the home would not be nominated for an award. Commissioner Wilson stated she would send an email to the Citizens for Glen Ellyn Preservation to see if they have any nominations for this.

D. Stacy's Tavern Postcard

Chairman Marks referred the commissioners to the new Stacy's Tavern postcard on the table and stated the postcard has information on the back about the Stacy's Tavern store and museum. He stated he wrote the copy, and Ms. Shupert-Arick worked with him to have a small quantity of postcards printed. Chairman Marks stated they are trying to find someone to print more postcards also. He stated they need to get these postcards out everywhere as it has been a long time since they have had anything like this for Stacy's Tavern.

E. May HPC Meeting

Chairman Marks reminded the commissioners that the May 22, 2014 HPC meeting will be at Stacy's Tavern as a combined meeting with the Glen Ellyn Historical Society Board. He stated the meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. as usual with possible refreshments served first at 7:00 p.m. Trustee McGinley stated Village President Demos will try to attend this meeting if he is able to.

F. 725 Highland – Possible Landmark Designation

Ms. Schrader stated she just received a new application for landmark status from the homeowners of 725 Highland Avenue. Chairman Marks stated the home has been called a version of Tudor Revival, and the commissioners had a discussion about this. Chairman Marks stated it is a nice home. Ms. Schrader stated the resident will be at the April meeting with more information on the home. Commissioner Rasnic stated he drove by the home which is nice and looks to have a couple of additions.

G. McKee House Advisory Committee

Commissioner Schreiber stated the advisory committee had another meeting and is proceeding well. He stated the committee is developing by-laws for the corporation and is also looking for additional members. He stated he is starting to analyze the cost for the restoration based on the engineer's report. He stated they will possibly have an event in May at the site as a kick-off.

H. 400-424 N. Main Street (Main Street Parking Lot and Giesche Properties)

Commissioner Wilson stated she and Commissioner Saliamonas attended the March 13, 2014 Plan Commission meeting where there was a pre-application meeting discussion about 400-424 N. Main Street (Main Street Parking Lot and Giesche Properties). Trustee McGinley stated there was discussion at this meeting regarding the potential redevelopment of the Main Street parking lot and Giesche properties located at 400-424 N. Main Street which might include the construction of a new 5-story building with retail on the first floor and residential above as well as a new parking structure. Trustee McGinley stated this was only a pre-application meeting where preliminary ideas and concepts for the possible project were discussed. Chairman Marks stated the Village needs to ensure any new buildings will fit into the downtown historic district. There was a discussion at length about this topic.

6. Historical Society Report

None

7. Chairman's Report

None

8. Village Board Trustee Report

Trustee McGinley stated the Village is still doing budget meetings and might be voting on the budget at the April 28, 2014 Board meeting. She stated the newer Glen Ellyn Alerting notification system contacts Glen Ellyn residents and businesses via land line in times of emergency; however, residents are encouraged to sign up multiple forms of communication (i.e. cell phone; text message; etc.) also.

Trustee McGinley stated there should be report coming out in April regarding vehicle/pedestrian over/under passes.

Commissioner Manak asked about certain streets being paved in the Village to which Trustee McGinley stated she saw the map, but did not remember the specifics. She suggested Commissioner Manak call Engineer Bob Minix about this.

9. Staff Report

None

10. Confirmation of Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

Chairman Marks stated the next meeting will take place on Thursday, April 24, 2014, 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 Fisher seconded. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 9-0, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Submitted by: Debbie Solomon, Recording Secretary

Reviewed by: Kristen Schrader, Staff Liaison