

MINUTES

BOARD/COMMISSION: Historic Preservation

DATE: 5/22/14

MEETING: Regular

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:33 p.m.

QUORUM: Yes

ADJOURNED: 9:32 p.m.

LOCATION: Stacy's Tavern/History Center Museum

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

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

EXCUSED: Student Commissioner Davis

ALSO PRESENT: Assistant Village Manager Stonitsch, Trustee Liaison McGinley

1. Public Hearing – 725 Highland Avenue – Landmark Designation

A. Public Hearing:

Chairman Marks called the public hearing to order at 7:35 pm. Motion was made by Commissioner Christiansen; seconded by Commissioner Wilson. Motion carried.

A brief summary was provided by Chairman Marks, and the property owner, Ron Hladilek, was in attendance. No comments were offered by the public.

B. Discussion and Recommendation of 725 Highland Avenue Landmark Nomination:

The Commission discussed and considered the merits of nominating 725 Highland. The property owner Mr. Ron Hladilek expressed his appreciation for the consideration. A motion was made by Commissioner Fisher to approve; seconded by Commissioner Loftus. Motion carried.

C. Close Public Hearing:

Chairman Manak motioned to close the public hearing; seconded by Commissioner Fisher. Motion carried. Public hearing closed at 7:51 p.m.

2. Call to Order

Chairman Marks called the Glen Ellyn Historic Preservation Commission regular meeting to order at 7:33 p.m., in the Stacy's Tavern Museum at 557 Geneva Road, Glen Ellyn, Illinois.

3. Approval of April 24, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Loftus moved to approve the minutes of April 24, 2014, and Commissioner Fisher seconded. This motion carried unanimously by a vote of 9-0.

4. Public Comments

None

5. Old Business

None

6. New Business

The Commission discussed the need to revisit the criteria for the historic preservation awards, and in particular to focus on better distinguishing between “renovation” and “restoration”, and to perhaps of separate the awards for each category. Chairman Marks stated that the Commission will take being analyzing this policy issue at its next meeting, and reexamine the policy guidelines, in an effort to update the overall policy for 2015.

7. Historical Society Business

The Society’s Executive Director Jan Shupert-Arick briefed the Commission on the current train exhibits, and also discussed some of the upcoming special events that the Society would be hosting throughout the summer.

8. Chairman’s Report

None

9. Trustee Liaison’s Report

Trustee McGinley provided a brief update that the Board passed the Village’s Budget in April, and she described some of the specific items Village Board focused throughout that process.

Trustee McGinley also engaged the Commission on further understanding the Commission’s mission and purpose, and queried the interrelationship between the Historical Society and other independent historical preservation advocacy groups in the community, and whether any overlap could be consolidated in some fashion. The Commissioners briefed Trustee McGinley on the history of the Commission and the various other advocacy groups in the community, and the differences between them. Trustee McGinley also discussed potential consolidation of Commissions or functions, and queried whether there might be opportunities for HPC Commissioners to participate on the Architectural Review Commission, for example.

Commissioner Dieter stated that The HPC has the unique responsibility to maintain the historical integrity of Glen Ellyn. It is the role of HPC to work with the Village to provide guidance and direction, in a vital and essential capacity, regarding existing preservation and future development within the Village. Moving forward, HPC should have a more central role in the development of the Village and be involved with all major developments from the initial planning stage, forward.

10. Staff Report

Assistant Village Manager Stonitsch indicated that Assistant to the Village Manager and Commission Liaison, Kristen Schrader, would be going on maternity leave soon, and that he and perhaps another staff person would be assisting the Commission in her absence.

11. Confirmation of Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

Motion to end the meeting was made by Commissioner Wilson to end the meeting; seconded by Commissioner Saliamonas. Meeting ended at 9:32 p.m.

Submitted by: Al Stonitsch, Assistant Village Manager