

MINUTES

BOARD/COMMISSION: Historic Preservation

DATE: 6/26/14

MEETING: Regular

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:30 p.m.

QUORUM: Yes

ADJOURNED: 9:25 p.m.

LOCATION: Glen Ellyn Civic Center

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

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

EXCUSED: Commissioner Schreiber, Student Commissioner Davis

ALSO PRESENT: Planning Intern Parisi, Village President Demos, Trustee Liaison McGinley

1. Call to Order

Chairman Marks called the Glen Ellyn Historic Preservation Commission regular meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., in the Civic Center at 535 Duane Street, Glen Ellyn, Illinois. He welcomed Village President Demos to the meeting.

2. Approval of May 22, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes

Chairman Marks stated there is no meeting minutes from May at this point as the recorder did not work. Planning Intern Parisi stated another staff member has notes, and they will try to put these minutes together.

3. Public Comments

None

4. Old Business

None

5. New Business

A. Landmarks Illinois Historic Tax Credit Workshop

Chairman Marks stated Lisa DiChiera of Landmarks Illinois would like to do a tax credit workshop for the building owners in Glen Ellyn's Central Business district who are on the National Register, and this will hopefully be in August at the History Center. He stated this workshop will cover how to apply and what is covered among other topics. He stated he talked to Chamber Executive Director Mike Formento, and Mr. Formento will send an email about this workshop. Chairman Marks stated they will send more information on this as it becomes available.

B. Restoration and Renovation Awards

Chairman Marks stated there is some confusion surrounding the definitions of the Restoration and Renovation Awards and wanted to discuss this. He referred to the article in the commissioners' packet, entitled "Remodel, Remuddle, or Restore" taken from the February 2012 issue of Early American Life. Chairman Marks quoted the article,

"Architectural historian Joan Berkey defines *remodeling* as rehabilitating and modernizing a historic building for living in today's world. *Restoring* means returning a building to a fixed point in its history."

Chairman Marks stated these definitions are a good starting point for discussion. Commissioner Manak asked if the Renovation Award should be dropped so there is no confusion or if they should tweak the language and add example picture(s) to the nomination form to help avoid confusion. President Demos stated a restoration may be also considered a renovation; however, a renovation would not always be considered a restoration. There was a general discussion regarding these definitions.

Chairman Marks asked Commissioners Loftus and Manak to work on this and bring it back before the commission.

C. Glen Ellyn Historical Society Director Position

Chairman Marks stated Jan Shupert-Arick has resigned from the Glen Ellyn Historical Society (GEHS) Executive Director position as she is moving to Kansas. Chairman Marks commended her on the great job she did while in position. He stated they will be doing a long, hard search to find the right person for this and pass along any possible names to GEHS President Suzanne Carty.

D. GIS Map of Landmarked Properties

Ms. Parisi stated she was able to look at Park Ridge's GIS website for landmarked homes, and it was good. She stated you can click on a property and see the information

and photograph of the property. Chairman Marks stated the commission does want to pursue this for Glen Ellyn's landmarked homes. President Demos stated Trustee McGinley is working on this and is trying to find parameters for approval.

E. Outline of HPC's Objectives

Chairman Marks passed around an outline he created of the HPC's objectives. He stated the HPC is working on promoting tax credits, reworking the Historic Preservation awards, consulting on wayfinding signage, conducting landmarking workshops, promoting HPC meetings and possibly working on a reference and informational library on historic renovation among other things. There was a discussion about other things the HPC would like to do along with suggestions from President Demos, which included a suggestion for the HPC to sponsor a quarterly clinic on historic preservation techniques.

6. Historical Society Business

Chairman Marks stated there will be a 40th Anniversary celebration in October for Stacy's Corners being on the National Register. He stated Stacy's Corners was the first historic building in DuPage County to be listed on the National Register back in 1974.

Chairman Marks stated there will be a gathering of Glen Ellyn's founding families over the Fourth of July.

Chairman Marks stated GEHS Executive Director Shupert-Arick asked about the work on the McKee house, and Chairman Marks directed her to call Linda Gilbert with the Citizens for Glen Ellyn Preservation.

7. Chairman's Report

Commissioner Dieter asked if anyone had thought of making the McChesney Building a historical landmark. There was a discussion on this.

Trustee Liaison McGinley entered the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

8. Trustee Liaison's Report

Commissioner Saliamonas asked about the utility boxes that have popped up around the village as they are ugly. She stated there is one box that is painted brown and has some plants around it so it is not as bad. President Demos stated he would look into this.

There was a discussion about noise from planes coming out of O'hare Airport. President Demos stated he is dealing with this along with Congressman Peter Roskum.

Chairman Marks asked if the railroad crossings in the Village could be fixed as the quality is extremely bad. President Demos stated he had not heard complaints on this, but will definitely take note of this and asked Ms. Parisi to send the complaint to Planning and Development Director Hulseberg.

President Demos stated he believes in empowering commissions to get the most value out of these commissions. He stated he has held off on two appointments to the Architectural Review Commission (ARC) as he would like to have two commissioners on the ARC who are knowledgeable in historic preservation. He stated economic development and historic preservation are important to the Village, and he wants to find a compromise to help everyone win. He stated he would like to put two members from the Historical Preservation Commission to sit on the Architectural Review Commission simultaneously so there would be cross-communication between the commissions. He stated this would be a six-month appointment. Commissioner Manak agreed with this. Commissioner Dieter stated this would be a unique opportunity for the HPC, and there would be a more historical design impact on the Village. There was a general discussion about this, and it was decided Commissioners Loftus and Dieter would fill these positions.

Commissioner Manak left the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

President Demos and Trustee McGinley left the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

9. Staff Report

None

10. Confirmation of Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

Chairman Marks stated the next meeting will take place on Thursday, July 24, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

With no further business, Chairman Marks asked for a motion of adjournment. Commissioner Christiansen motioned for adjournment, and Commissioner Dieter seconded. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 7-0, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Submitted by: Debbie Solomon, Recording Secretary