

MINUTES

BOARD/COMMISSION: Historic Preservation

DATE: 8/4/14

MEETING: Special

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:08 p.m.

QUORUM: Yes

ADJOURNED: 7:50 p.m.

LOCATION: Lake Ellyn Boathouse

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

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

EXCUSED: Commissioners Dieter, Manak

ALSO PRESENT: Planning Intern Parisi, Recording Secretary Solomon

1. Call to Order

Chairman Marks called the Glen Ellyn Historic Preservation Commission special meeting to order at 7:08 p.m., in the Lake Ellyn Boathouse at 645 Lenox Road, Glen Ellyn, Illinois. He welcomed everyone to this special meeting. Commissioner Manak asked that his absence be noted in the record as he is missing the HPC meeting as he is required to attend a board of director's meeting where he is the secretary and needs to record the minutes and answer questions on the by-laws.

2. Approval of June 26, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Loftus moved to approve the minutes of June 26, 2014, and Commissioner Christiansen seconded. This motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0 as Commissioner Schreiber abstained from the vote as he was not at the meeting.

3. Public Comments

None

4. Old Business

None

5. New Business

A. Architectural Resource Survey Presentation from Granacki Historic Consultants

Chairman Marks introduced Lara Ramsey, Preservation Assistant with Granacki Historic Consultants. Ms. Ramsey stated this is the fourth survey that has been done in the Village, with the first completed in 2007, the second completed in 2009 and the third completed in 2010. She stated the current survey, name the Turner-Duane Survey, was conducted for 859 properties in the area bounded on the north by the railroad east of Main Street and by Hill Avenue west of Main Street; Main Street and Newton Avenue on the west; Turner Avenue on the south; and Spring, Avenue, Whittier Avenue and Country Club Lane on the east. She stated the survey area is mainly residential in character with commercial development only in the area between Main Street, Hillside Avenue, Park Avenue and the railroad tracks.

Ms. Ramsey shared the history of the survey area and stated much of the survey area remained undeveloped through the 19th century. She stated the survey area contains 859 properties, with 852 principal structures and of these principal structures, 63 were rated significant for possessing architectural distinction and 28 were rated potentially-significant which means distinctive, but with alterations. She stated the majority of the structures in this area (433 structures) were rated contributing, meaning they would contribute to the character of a potential historic district within the survey area. She stated 328 structures were rated non-contributing to the character of a potential historic district.

Ms. Ramsey stated there are many different styles of architecture in the survey area, including 19th Century High Styles which account for less than 1% of the structures, 19th Century Vernacular Types which account for 3% of the structures, 20th Century High Styles which account for 54% of the structures and 20th Century Popular Types which account for 40% of the structures. Ms. Ramsey showed slides of the different architecture examples from the survey area and explained each.

Ms. Ramsey stated there are three local Glen Ellyn landmarks in the survey area and Granacki Consultants recommends landmarking six additional properties: Glen Ellyn Junior High, 535 Duane Street; McLean-Marshall house, 583 Hill Avenue; 704 Hillside Avenue; 335 Main Street; 342 Montclair Avenue; and the George T. Jennings House, 330 Park Boulevard. She stated that anyone who lives in the survey area is welcome to add more information about their properties to this survey summary, and this should be done soon.

B. 636 N. Park – Potential Landmark

Chairman Marks stated 636 N. Park Boulevard is a gable-front Victorian farmhouse on the west side of Park Boulevard between Hawthorne Boulevard and Linden Street. He stated he was able to talk to the people buying the house, and he thinks the couple may save the house instead of demolishing it. He stated this home could be a great candidate for landmarking.

C. Landmarks Illinois Historic Tax Credit Workshop

Chairman Marks stated this workshop will now be in Aurora on August 7, 2014, and Planning Intern Parisi will email information on this.

6. Historical Society Business

None

7. Chairman's Report

None

8. Trustee Liaison's Report

None

9. Staff Report

None

10. Confirmation of Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

Chairman Marks stated the next meeting will take place on Thursday, August 28, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. He thanked everyone for coming and invited people to stay around for refreshments.

With no further business, Chairman Marks asked for a motion of adjournment. Commissioner Schreiber motioned for adjournment, and Commissioner Christiansen seconded. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 7-0, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.