

MINUTES

BOARD/COMMISSION: Historic Preservation

DATE: 10/23/14

MEETING: Regular

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:32 p.m.

QUORUM: Yes

ADJOURNED: 8:50 p.m.

LOCATION: Glen Ellyn Civic Center

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

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

EXCUSED: Student Commissioner Davis

ALSO PRESENT: Planning Intern Parisi,
Recording Secretary Solomon

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 September 25, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Christiansen moved to approve the amended minutes of September 25, 2014, and Commissioner Wilson seconded. This motion carried unanimously by a vote of 5-0 with Commissioners Fisher, Loftus and Schreiber abstaining from the vote as they were not at this meeting.

Commissioner Manak entered the meeting after this vote.

3. Public Comments

None

4. Old Business

None

5. New Business

A. Landmark Nomination – Preliminary Determination – 651 Euclid Avenue

Chairman Marks stated this is a brick bungalow built in the 1920's. Commissioner Loftus stated the home has nice features and would like to know more about the home and its history. Commissioner Schreiber asked if this was a distinctive enough of a bungalow to landmark. There was a discussion about the possibility of landmarking this home. Commissioner Christiansen stated it is important for the Commission to recognize these common buildings in the Village. Chairman Marks stated this is an unusual architectural type of bungalow and is a good example of what Euclid Avenue looked like years ago.

Commissioner Manak stated the application was filed on the basis by the following criteria:

1. Its value as an example of the architectural, cultural, economic, historic, social or other aspect of the heritage of the Village of Glen Ellyn, the State of Illinois, or the United States;
2. Its exemplification of an architectural type or style distinguished by innovation, rarity, uniqueness or overall quality of design, detail,
3. Its unique location or distinctive physical appearance of presence representing an established and familiar feature of a neighborhood, community or the Village of Glen Ellyn.

Chairman Marks asked for a motion to move forward with preliminary determination of landmark status for the property at 651 Euclid Avenue. Commissioner Manak made the motion, under criteria numbers 1, 4 and 6 on the application. Commissioner Schreiber seconded, and the motion carried unanimously by a vote of 9-0.

B. Potential Landmark – 415 N. Park Boulevard

Chairman Marks stated this is a Dutch Colonial Revival home listed in the Village's 2009 Architectural Resource Survey as a Non-Contributing home. Commissioner Manak stated the Commission awarded the home a Historic Preservation Award a few years ago, but could not remember which one. Chairman Marks stated they will like to get more information from the homeowner on the property, but the Commission would consider a landmark application for this home.

C. Repairs Needed for Stacy's Tavern

Chairman Marks passed around a document he created of the list of repairs needed at Stacy's Tavern. He stated that he walked through Stacy's Tavern and made notes on the repairs needed along with Glen Ellyn Historical Society President Suzanne Carty and Dieter Rowe. He stated there are urgent repairs that need to be done immediately prior

to winter, including gutter and roofing repairs. Ms. Parisi stated she will research when the latest roof was installed.

Chairman Marks stated there will be a walk-through with some Village officials on Tuesday, November 4, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. and asked Commissioner Schreiber to be there. Chairman Marks stated this property is one of the Village's greatest assets and needs to be taken care of. Commissioner Manak stated he is concerned on the timing of the repairs as it is already late in October.

D. 586 Glen Ellyn Place – Porch Expansion

Ms. Parisi stated this item was taken off the agenda as the staff discovered this home has a Glen Ellyn Historical Society plaque and not an official landmarking plaque. Ms. Parisi stated the homeowners are hoping to expand the front porch and the porch railing will be at a non-conforming height.

Commissioner Schreiber moved to approve that this home is historical and the railing can remain at a non-conforming height of 30 inches, and Commissioner Fisher seconded. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 9-0. Chairman Marks stated they need to encourage the homeowners to landmark their home also.

E. Home at Crescent Boulevard and Riford Road

Chairman Marks stated the homeowners of the property on the southwest corner of Crescent Boulevard and Riford Road are thinking of landmarking their home and are also want to build a garage. He stated the homeowners asked about funds available to help with the garage build.

F. 232 Newton – For Sale

Commissioner Christiansen stated the home at 232 Newton is currently up for sale. She stated the home is a 1910 bungalow/Cape Cod. She stated the 1-acre lot is being sold as a "divisible lot" and is not pitched as a tear-down, but she is concerned about this.

G. Home on Linden – For Sale

Commissioner Saliamonas stated there is a home on the south side of Linden Street between Kenilworth and Newton that is for sale. She is concerned the home will be purchased and torn down.

H. Tear-downs in Glen Ellyn

Commissioner Christiansen referenced the Village Demolition report and expressed concern that the Village is on pace in 2014 to have the most tear-downs since 2006. She asked if the Commission should try again for a tear-down ordinance. There was a discussion regarding this, and Ms. Parisi will research the ordinances in the villages of Chicagoland. Ms. Parisi stated the Village is looking to do a zoning code update too.

I. ARC Agenda Items

Commissioner Loftus stated the ARC Agenda Items should be added to the HPC meeting agenda each month. Commissioner Loftus stated the ARC approved the renovation of the Young's Appliance sign. Ms. Parisi stated Young's Appliance owner Doug Samuels asked about possibly landmarking the sign to which Chairman Marks stated the sign can be landmarked and Ms. Parisi should check about tax credits for this sign even though the sign is placed outside the downtown landmark districts.

Commissioner Loftus stated the ARC had a pre-application meeting about a possible new Dunkin' Donuts in the old Inland Bank building at 1090 Roosevelt Road.

Commissioner Loftus stated a new monument sign was approved for Forest Glen Elementary School.

6. Historical Society Business

Chairman Marks stated there will be an event on Sunday, October 26, 2014 to celebrate the 40th anniversary of Stacy's Tavern on the National Historic Register. He stated Stacy's Tavern was the first building in DuPage County to be added to the National Register. He stated there will also be a proclamation read about this at the October 27, 2014 Village Board meeting.

7. Chairman's Report

None

8. Trustee Liaison's Report

None

9. Staff Report

Ms. Parisi stated the updated text for the Historic Preservation Awards is on the website now and will be in the Village's winter newsletter.

Commissioner Wilson stated the Civic Betterment Party is still looking for candidates for the Village Board.

10. Confirmation of Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

Chairman Marks stated the next meeting will take place on Thursday, November 20, 2014, at 7:30 p.m.

With no further business, Chairman Marks asked for a motion of adjournment. Commissioner Schreiber motioned for adjournment, and Commissioner Manak seconded. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 8-0, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Submitted by: Debbie Solomon, Recording Secretary

Reviewed by: Lauren Parisi, Planning Intern