

MINUTES

BOARD/COMMISSION: Historic Preservation

DATE: 11/20/14

MEETING: Regular

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:30 p.m.

QUORUM: Yes

ADJOURNED: 9:26 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, Trustee Liaison McGinley, Recording Secretary Solomon; Architect Ken Kloss; Students from Glenbard West High School's AP Government class

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.

2. Approval of October 23, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Manak pointed out a correction on page 2 and then moved to approve the amended minutes of October 23, 2014. Commissioner Fisher seconded. This motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0 as Commissioner Dieter entered the meeting right after this vote.

3. Public Comments

Ken Kloss, who resides at 350 Ridgewood Avenue in Glen Ellyn, stated he is glad two of the HPC commissioners are sitting on the Architectural Review Commission so they can provide input on the big projects coming to Glen Ellyn. Mr. Kloss stated there is a vision for Glen Ellyn that needs to be preserved when looking at these new projects

4. Old Business

A. Landmarking Program

Chairman Marks thanked Ms. Parisi for the adding the new verbiage about the Historic Preservation Awards which is now online and in the Village's winter newsletter.

B. Opus Group Development Project

Chairman Marks stated that a few weeks ago, he attended a meeting with Planning and Development Director Hulseberg, Village Planner Stegall and Opus Group Real Estate Manager Ryan Farquhar. He stated this was a good meeting where they talked about the possible development of the building. He stated he expressed his concerns about taking care of the historic downtown and that he said whatever the new building is will need to fit in with the Village. Chairman Marks stated he pointed out well-done buildings in Naperville and Hinsdale and gave Mr. Farquhar reference literature as well.

5. New Business

A. Goals for the New Year

Chairman Marks asked the Commissioners to bring their goals to the January meeting.

B. Repairs Needed for Stacy's Tavern

Chairman Marks stated he and Commissioner Schreiber met with some of the Village staff and the members of the Glen Ellyn Historical Society Board to go over the repair list for Stacy's Tavern. He stated he and Commissioner Schreiber did another walk through and discovered major water damage coming in by the 2 chimneys in the attic of the original building. He stated that Commissioner Schreiber said this is five years' worth of water damage. Chairman Marks stated one of the men who work for Dieter Rowe checked the roof and said the roof could last for another year or two as long as some minor repairs are done now.

Chairman Marks stated they would want to do a shaker roof, and the Village would like to pay the difference between an asphalt roof and a shaker roof. There was a discussion regarding the Village's involvement in the repair and maintenance of Stacy's Tavern. Trustee McGinley stated Stacy's Tavern is a Village asset, and there are a few small repairs listed in the budget the Village Board should approve in a few weeks. Chairman Marks stated they should get together with the Village to re-discuss this issue. Trustee McGinley stated that with the budget now being done by the calendar year, any future repairs would need to be in an itemized list by August so they could possibly be added to the next year's budget.

Commissioner Loftus asked how other municipalities handle the relationships with historical societies, museums, etc. and asked if the Commissioners should survey other Villages about this. Commissioner Manak stated he would like to see a comparative analysis on this. Ms. Parisi will post this question on a forum she uses as well as email other Villages about this. Commissioner Manak suggested forming a sub-committee to research this further.

Commissioner Manak made a motion for the Historic Preservation Commission to form a sub-committee consisting of Commissioner Loftus, Commissioner Manak and Commissioner Wilson to study the relationships between different villages and historical societies, museums and things of this kind, and Commissioner Saliamonas seconded. This motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0 as Commissioner Dieter had stepped out of the meeting during this vote.

C. Demolition Delay Ordinance

Ms. Parisi stated she did find demolition delay ordinances for Springfield and Urbana and included these in the Commissioners' packets. Commissioner Dieter asked about the background information and purpose of a demolition delay ordinance. Chairman Marks stated the purposed of this ordinance would be to help preserve historical and architecturally significant homes. There was a lengthy discussion about this possible ordinance.

Trustee McGinley stated the Village does already have a long permit process which the Board is reviewing for time concerns. She stated the Village has had complaints about the length of time of the permit process. Commissioner Christiansen stated the Village should be concerned about preserving the character of the Village, both aesthetically and economically. Ms. Parisi will pull census data to look at median home values and resident make-up of the Village. Commissioner Fisher stated they need to do research on what the Village has possibly lost due to home demolitions. Commissioner Loftus stated they should look at Highland Park's ordinance as it is a part of the demolition application.

Trustee McGinley stated the best way to help this piece is to continue doing the historic-preservation education meetings once or twice a year for architects, developers and builders. Chairman Marks stated they would like to do another one soon, and Trustee McGinley stated they would look for a date at the end of January or early February.

6. Architectural Review Commission Report

Commissioner Loftus stated the Architectural Review Commission (ARC) did approve the proposed sign for Ross Dress for Less. He stated it was in the ARC's minutes that the Historic Preservation Commission did unanimously support the repair of the Young's Appliance sign.

7. Historical Society Business

Chairman Marks stated there was a Holiday Bazaar last weekend.

8. Chairman's Report

None

9. Trustee Liaison's Report

Trustee McGinley stated the Board will be approving the budget soon, and there was discussion regarding a new police station and possibly not raising the tax levy next year. She stated the Board has been discussing capital projects, including the pedestrian underpass at Taylor Street which the Village has received some grant money for.

10. Staff Report

Ms. Parisi stated she hopes to have the public meeting for the landmarking of 651 Euclid on January's meeting agenda as she is waiting for the proof of ownership paper that needs to be added to the application.

11. Confirmation of Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

Chairman Marks stated the next meeting will take place on Thursday, January 22, 2015, at 7:30 p.m. as there will be no meeting in December.

With no further business, Chairman Marks asked for a motion of adjournment. Commissioner Manak motioned for adjournment, and Commissioner Wilson seconded. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 8-0, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

Submitted by: Debbie Solomon, Recording Secretary

Reviewed by: Lauren Parisi, Planning Intern