

MINUTES

BOARD/COMMISSION: Historic Preservation

DATE: 1/22/15

MEETING: Regular

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:36 p.m.

QUORUM: Yes

ADJOURNED: 9:16 p.m.

LOCATION: Glen Ellyn Civic Center

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

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

EXCUSED: Commissioner Christiansen, Student Commissioner Davis

ALSO PRESENT: Assistant Village Manager Stonitsch, Trustee Liaison McGinley, Recording Secretary Solomon; Executive Director of the Glen Ellyn Historical Society Karen Hall; Architect Ken Kloss

1. Call to Order

Chairman Marks called the Glen Ellyn Historic Preservation Commission regular meeting to order at 7:36 p.m., in the Civic Center at 535 Duane Street, Glen Ellyn, Illinois. Chairman Marks introduced Karen Hall, the new Executive Director of the Glen Ellyn Historical Society.

2. Approval of November 20, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Chairman Marks pointed out a correction on page 2. Commissioner Manak moved to approve the amended minutes of November 20, 2014. Commissioner Loftus seconded. This motion carried unanimously by a vote of 5-0 as Commissioner Schreiber abstained from the vote as he was not at this meeting. Commissioner Dieter entered the meeting at 7:50 p.m., and Commissioner Fisher entered the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

3. Public Comments

None

4. Old Business

A. Repairs for Stacy's Tavern

The sub-committee comprised of Commissioners Loftus, Manak and Wilson that was formed at the November 20, 2014 meeting reported on their findings of what role villages might play and village relationships with small-town historical societies/museums. The three commissioners reviewed the matrix they had put together, and Trustee McGinley stated this was a great comparison matrix. Chairman Marks stated this was helpful information and asked the sub-committee to get more specific information on funding. Mr. Stonitsch stated he would also look into additional grants or funding that might help.

5. New Business

A. Goals for the New Year

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

B. Local Architects/Builders Meeting

Mr. Stonitsch stated that Intern Parisi had said this still needs to be scheduled. Trustee McGinley stated they are still aiming for a February date and will use the same contacts from the previous meeting. Trustee McGinley asked the Commissioners to create an educational brochure or document on the items to look at before a home/building is torn down, such as the streetscape. Trustee McGinley stated the Planning and Development would hand out this document.

Chairman Marks asked Commissioner Schreiber to spear-head this document and then asked each commissioner to send an outline of important points for this document to Commissioner Schreiber in the next two weeks. There was a discussion about what items and points could be included in this document. Commissioner Schreiber stated he would have a rough draft ready for the February meeting.

C. Glen Ellyn Historical Society – May Commission Meeting

Chairman Marks stated that for the May meeting, he would like to do a combined Historic Preservation Commission Meeting with the Glen Ellyn Historical Society again as was done in 2014. The other commissioners agreed to this.

D. Potential Demolition – 232 Newton Avenue

Chairman Marks stated 232 Newton Avenue is an Arts and Crafts bungalow just north of Lincoln School. He stated the buyer of the home wants the lot but not the home; however, the buyer said he is fine with the home being moved off the lot. Chairman Marks stated the home has beautiful millwork inside and is a wonderful home and wants the home preserved. Commissioner Loftus wondered if the big lot could be subdivided so the home could stay on the lot. Chairman Marks asked Commissioner Loftus to call architect Jamie Simoneit with Z&O Architecture about the possibility of the lot subdivision.

E. Potential Landmark – 351 Marion Avenue

Mr. Stonitsch stated he had no information on this home, but would talk to Ms. Parisi about this. Chairman Marks asked the Commissioners to drive by the home before the February meeting. He stated this home is on the south side of the street just west of Western on Marion Avenue. Commissioner Wilson stated Adam Kreuzer from the Environmental Commission owns this home and contacted Commissioner Wilson about possible landmarking.

F. McKee House Repairs

Chairman Marks stated there is water damage inside the McKee House which has caused mold, and there will be a vote at the January 27, 2015 Forest Preserve meeting about this house. Chairman Marks stated this could be a multiple-use house and wants to see it preserved. Commissioner Schreiber stated he is on the McKee House Preservation Commission, and they are working to preserve this house.

6. Architectural Review Commission (ARC) Report

Commissioner Loftus stated there has not been an ARC meeting since the beginning of November so there is nothing new to report. Commissioner Dieter asked if he and Commissioner Loftus were still going to serve on the ARC as they had been told this was to be a six-month appointment to which Trustee McGinley stated she would talk to President Demos about this.

7. Historical Society Business

Chairman Marks stated there would be a program at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 24, 2015 about the "History and Future of Electricity."

Commissioner Manak stated he met with Director Hall about doing the Vintage Car Festival again, and they agreed on Saturday, June 13th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

8. Chairman's Report

None

9. Trustee Liaison's Report

Trustee McGinley stated the Board will discuss all options for possible underpasses and overpasses in the Village and the possibility of a new police station soon. She stated the Board did select an electronic sign with a black background and white font to replace the current sign in the downtown.

Trustee McGinley stated her term is about to end, and her last HPC meeting might be the April meeting.

10. Staff Report

Mr. Stonitsch asked the Commissioners to read the January 21st crowdfunding email from Ms. Parisi and stated it might be something that could be considered down the road.

11. Confirmation of Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

Chairman Marks stated the next meeting will take place on Thursday, February 26, 2015, 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 9:16 p.m.

Submitted by: Debbie Solomon, Recording Secretary

Reviewed By: Al Stonitsch, Assistant Village Manager