

MINUTES

BOARD/COMMISSION: Historic Preservation

DATE: 3/26/15

MEETING: Regular

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:34 p.m.

QUORUM: Yes

ADJOURNED: 8:55 p.m.

LOCATION: Glen Ellyn Civic Center

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

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

EXCUSED: Commissioners Wilson

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; Staff, students and parents from Churchill Elementary

1. Call to Order

Chairman Marks called the Glen Ellyn Historic Preservation Commission regular meeting to order at 7:34 p.m., in the Civic Center at 535 Duane Street, Glen Ellyn, Illinois.

2. Approval of February 26, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Schreiber moved to approve the minutes of February 26, 2015. Commissioner Manak seconded. This motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0 as Commissioner Dieter entered the meeting after this vote.

3. Public Comments

None

4. Old Business

A. Goals for 2015

Commissioner Dieter stated the Commission needs to strengthen its role and be a more active component for these large projects that are coming to the Village. He stated the Commission needs to have a more independent role. Chairman Marks agreed with this and stated the Commission should grow their role and have a voice with projects. Commissioner Schreiber stated the HPC is an advisory commission with something to say.

There was a discussion regarding ideas on how the Commission could be more involved with new projects coming to the Village, including reciprocal representation and possible roles on other commissions.

B. Historic Preservation Brochure for Planning and Development

Commissioner Schreiber reviewed the draft he created for this brochure. Chairman Marks stated this is well-written. There was a discussion regarding some of the phrases used, and Chairman Marks made a suggestion to add addresses and pictures of restored homes in the Village. Commissioner Schreiber made a suggestion to possibly use pictures of the homes that have won the Restoration of the Year awards. Commissioner Dieter suggested it would be good to include architects' or builders' pictures of homes before and after a restoration.

C. OPUS Group Development

Mr. Stonitsch stated the developer is working on revisions to the plan, but there is no formal submission of plans as yet.

Trustee McGinley left the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

5. New Business

A. Student Presentations – Churchill Elementary School

Chairman Marks introduced Christina Kellam, Problem-Based Learning Coach from Churchill Elementary. Ms. Kellam stated one of the pieces of the school district's curriculum is to bring real-world problems into the classrooms for the students to work on. She stated the Glen Ellyn Historical Society asked for the students to create a self-guided tour of the Village to highlight important places in the Village. She stated this project was worked on by 4th and 5th graders as they did research online, and then the students presented their findings to a panel of experts. She introduced Churchill's principal Scott Klespitz and teacher Nicki Clegg who accompanied their students this evening.

The first group of students was comprised of Cristina Cobos, Egan Foley, Jacob Lachs and Julia Norton. These students created a self-guided tour that could be followed on a website. The students showed an example of the website they created and stated there are six important places on their tour: Stacy's Tavern; Forest Hill Cemetery; Lake Ellyn; the historic home at 583 N. Main Street, the historic home at 416 Pennsylvania Avenue; and the Glen Art Theater.

The second group of students was comprised of Lily Halden, Ella Rejman, Daysy Mayo, Marcel Slowikowski and Kate Harrod. These students created a brochure for a self-guided tour which includes Stacy's Tavern, Forest Hill Cemetery, Churchill Cabin and plaque, Churchill Forest Preserve, Lake Ellyn and the historic homes at 695 Main Street and 583 Main Street.

The students answered questions from the Commissioners about their presentations, and Ms. Kellam stated the Glen Ellyn Historical Society will review the presentations to see which option might work well for this.

B. McChesney Property

Mr. Stonitsch stated there is a new developer that is redoing plans for this property. He stated the staff has seen concept plans for this property, but the developer has not done a formal application submission as of yet.

6. Architectural Review Commission (ARC) Report

Commissioner Loftus stated that the previous evening, the ARC discussed and recommended approval for the exterior appearance and sign variation for the space at 496 Main Street which is being turned into a retail space. He stated the owner proposed to paint the exterior brick blue and add blade signs as well as an entrance and a window on Pennsylvania Avenue.

7. Historical Society Business

GEHS Director Hall reminded the Commissioners that the May HPC meeting will be a combined meeting with the GEHS Board at Stacy's Tavern. She stated the Tavern will be opened an hour early with refreshments available. She stated she would also invite the Village's other preservation groups to this meeting.

Ms. Hall stated the Second Annual Vintage Car Fest will be Saturday, June 13, 2015, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. behind Stacy's Tavern Museum and the Glen Ellyn History Center. Commissioner Manak stated they hope to have over 100 vehicles for the fest, and there will be speakers on different topics in the History Center.

8. Chairman's Report

None

9. Trustee Liaison's Report

None

10. Staff Report

Mr. Stonitsch stated the Village will have a Market Français Event on Wednesday, April 15, 2015 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Civic Center Gym.

11. Confirmation of Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

Chairman Marks stated the next meeting will take place on Thursday, April 23, 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 8:55 p.m.

Submitted by: Debbie Solomon, Recording Secretary