

FINAL
MINUTES

BOARD/COMMISSION: Historic Preservation

DATE: 5/28/15

MEETING: Regular

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:38 p.m.

QUORUM: Yes

ADJOURNED: 10:12 p.m.

LOCATION: Stacy's Tavern/History Center Museum

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

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

EXCUSED: Commissioners Christiansen, Saliamonas

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

1. Historical Society Reception: Tour of Stacy's Tavern & History Center

2. Call to Order

Chairman Marks called the Glen Ellyn Historic Preservation Commission regular meeting to order at 7:38 p.m., in the History Center at 800 N. Main Street, Glen Ellyn, Illinois. Chairman Marks welcomed the Commission's new Trustee Liaison Mark Senak and thanked the Glen Ellyn Historical Society for the wonderful reception before the meeting.

3. Approval of April 23, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Chairman Marks pointed out a correction on page 3. Commissioner Manak moved to approve the amended minutes of April 23, 2015. Commissioner Fisher seconded. This motion carried unanimously.

4. Public Comments

None

5. Old Business

A. 47 Duane Street

Chairman Marks stated he was surprised no one on the Plan Commission mentioned the Victorian Home at 47 Duane Street was worth saving. Chairman Marks stated he will write a letter to the Board about this home, and they need to be much more cognizant of what we have in the Village. He stated he would have liked to have worked with the Plan Commission on saving this home and what could be done with it. Mark Pfefferman thanked Chairman Marks and the Commission for putting together the list of the 50 Historic Structures in the Village a few years and asked if the new survey could help to identify more important structures.

There was a discussion regarding ways the Commission could work with the Village to save more historic buildings. Chairman Marks related the store that he shared at the April meeting about a friend of his who wanted to open a retail establishment in a historic building in the Village, but ended up opening in Geneva instead. Commissioner Fisher suggested the Village Board could be given a financial analysis to who what would happen if businesses are turned away due to possible approved regulations.

Trustee Senak suggested someone might be able to intervene before a historic home goes into disrepair. Commissioner Loftus will check with Habitat for Humanity about this possibility, and Commissioner Schreiber will inquire into this possibly being a student volunteer project. Trustee Senak stated the Commission should keep this issue of saving historic buildings at the forefront of discussion as it is a very important.

B. Historic Preservation Brochure for Planning and Development

Mr. Stonitsch stated he collected the photos and will send a link out tomorrow of the photos. Mr. Stonitsch asked the Commissioners to then pick which homes to include in the brochure. Chairman Marks asked the Commissioners to send any more addresses for the brochure to Mr. Stonitsch so he can take pictures of these homes.

6. New Business

A. Historic Preservation/Restoration Awards

Chairman Marks stated the Commission will vote on these awards at the June meeting and explained the different awards. There was a general discussion concerning the appropriateness of the various homes already nominated for the 4 awards: Restoration of the Year, Remodeling Project of the Year, Streetscape Compatibility and Architectural Details.

For Restoration of the Year, Chairman Marks mentioned 386 Vine.

For Remodeling Project of the Year, Commissioner Manak mentioned 280 Hawthorne and passed around a picture of this home.

For Streetscape Compatibility, Commissioner Fisher mentioned 1834 Greenfield, and Mr. Pfefferman mentioned 590 Revere.

For Architectural Details, Mr. Pfefferman mentioned 574 N. Main Street.

Chairman Marks stated he is still looking into the home on the south side of Hillside Avenue between Glenwood and Prospect that is possibly being rehabbed. Chairman Marks asked the Commissioners to drive by these homes before the June meeting.

Chairman Marks stated there is a Cape Cod home at the northeast corner of Hawthorne and Western that could be considered for a 2016 Historic Preservation Award.

B. Downtown Development Project - OPUS

Chairman Marks stated more residents are more upset about this development than any other project in the Village ever. He stated the major complaint is the size and massing of the building. There was a discussion regarding how the Village could possibly take charge of this project and what the Commission might want to see for this project.

Mr. Kloss stated he has given proposed ideas and plans to the Village as the idea of breaking up the massing of building is so important.

Commissioner Senak stated he will continue to engage in the process of making the Commissioners' voice heard and asked what the Commission would do for this project instead. He stated that a statement from the Commission on what they would like to see on this property would be helpful. Commissioner Wilson suggested a non-binding referendum to see how the residents feel about this downtown project to which Commissioner Senak stated it would be an interesting idea, but he is not sure it would work with the timing.

Chairman Marks stated the Commission fully supports economic development in the Village and would like to see something great for this project.

C. Letter to Governor Rauner regarding the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency

Chairman Marks passed around a letter he wrote to Governor Rauner expressing concern for the potential merger of the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency with the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity. Chairman Marks also passed around a letter of response that he received from Governor Rauner. Commissioner Wilson stated she wrote a letter as well. Chairman Marks stated more letter-writing may need to be done at some point on this issue. Commissioner Schreiber stated he went to

a Landmarks Illinois meeting on May 9, 2015, where Lisa DiChiera spoke about legislative updates. Commissioner Schreiber stated he felt that Ms. DiChiera thought this merger could be a good thing.

D. Postcard Sent from Village

Chairman Marks stated he received the postcard sent by the Village detailing the Village's summer events which is missing any mention of Stacy's Tavern. Mr. Stonitsch stated he will relate Chairman Marks' concern to the Village.

E. 418 Ridgewood

Commissioner Manak stated the landmarked home at 418 Ridgewood Avenue is for sale.

F. 221 Traver – possible home for landmarking

Commissioner Manak mentioned the home at 221 Traver is being redone inside and could be a possibility for landmarking at some point.

7. Architectural Review Commission (ARC) Report

Chairman Marks stated he is concerned for the proposed tree removal at Glenbard West High School. Commissioner Loftus stated District 87 presented at the ARC meeting the night before, and the District is proposing an addition on the east side of the existing building. Commissioner Loftus stated it would be a shame to lose over 200 trees, but he does not know where else on the property that the addition could go. Chairman Marks asked if the current plan has the least amount of damage to the trees to which Commissioner Loftus stated he thinks it is the least amount of damage from what he can see on the plans.

8. Historical Society Business

GEHS Director Hall thanked the Commissioners for coming to the reception before the meeting. Ms. Hall reminded the Commissioners of the Second Annual Vintage Car Fest on 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.

9. Chairman's Report

None

10. Trustee Liaison's Report

Trustee Senak stated he is happy to be working with the Commission, and he supports the Commission in their work.

11. Staff Report

None

12. Confirmation of Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

Chairman Marks stated the next meeting will take place on Thursday, June 25, 2015, at 7:30 p.m.

With no further business, Chairman Marks asked for a motion of adjournment. Commissioner Manak motioned for adjournment, and Commissioner Schreiber seconded. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:12 p.m.

Submitted by: Debbie Solomon, Recording Secretary