

## MINUTES

**BOARD/COMMISSION:** Historic Preservation    **DATE:** 10/22/15

**MEETING:** Regular    **CALLED TO ORDER:** 7:40 p.m.

**QUORUM:** Yes    **ADJOURNED:** 9:07 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Glen Ellyn Civic Center

**MEMBER ATTENDANCE:**

**PRESENT:** Chairman Marks,  
Commissioners Christiansen, Fisher, Loftus,  
Wilson

**EXCUSED:** Commissioners Dieter, Manak,  
Saliamonas, Schreiber

**ALSO PRESENT:** Recording Secretary  
Solomon

**1. Call to Order**

Chairman Marks called the Glen Ellyn Historic Preservation Commission regular meeting to order at 7:40 p.m., in the Civic Center at 535 Duane Street, Glen Ellyn, Illinois. Chairman Marks stated Assistant Village Manager Stonitsch and Trustee Senak are at the Village's budget meetings and unable to attend this meeting.

**2. Approval of September 24, 2015 Meeting Minutes**

Commissioner Christiansen pointed out a correction on page 4 of the minutes. Commissioner Loftus moved to approve the amended minutes of September 24, 2015. Commissioner Wilson seconded, and the motion carried unanimously by a vote of 5-0.

**3. Public Comments**

None

**4. Old Business**

None

**5. New Business**

**A. Development Updates**

Chairman Marks stated there was an article in the newspaper regarding the McChesney property as the developer will come before the Architectural Review

Commission on November 10<sup>th</sup> for a pre-application meeting and then before the Plan Commission on November 12<sup>th</sup>. Chairman Marks stated it would be good to invite the McChesney property developer to an HPC meeting.

Chairman Marks stated there is no update on the OPUS project.

**B. New Village Marquee Sign/Electronic Message Board**

Chairman Marks stated the new message board looks great and is unobtrusive and does not stick out. Chairman Marks stated he thanked the Village for a good job on this sign.

**C. Review & Discuss Draft Letter from Commission to 272 Hill Avenue Homeowners**

Commissioner Christiansen stated she wrote the draft letter and read this aloud to the Commissioners. Commissioner Loftus suggested a change in the last sentence in the 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph to read, "... to discuss design plans that might alter the structure of landmarked properties." The change was made, and Chairman Marks stated the letter reads very well.

Commissioner Fisher moved to approve the draft letter to the homeowners at 272 Hill Avenue, and Commissioner Wilson seconded. This motion carried unanimously by a vote of 5-0.

**D. Discuss HPC Brochure for Local Contractors and Real Estate Agents/Review Draft Language**

Chairman Marks stated he wants to table this conversation until the November meeting. He asked the Commissioners to read the draft that was included in the packet and then bring any notes on this to the November meeting. He stated he hopes this brochure will then be ready in January.

**E. Trees Preservation Award Program and Proposed Criteria**

Chairman Marks asked the Commissioners when they would like to present this award. Commissioner Christiansen suggested Arbor Day which will fall on April 29, 2016 next year. Chairman Marks stated he wants to table the discussion on the criteria for this award until the November meeting.

**F. Selection of Alternate November Meeting Date**

Chairman Marks stated the Commissioners needed to decide on an alternate November meeting date due to the Thanksgiving holiday. The Commissioners decided to move the November meeting to Thursday, November 19, 2015, and Chairman Marks asked Mr. Stonitsch to send an email reminder out about this alternate date.

### **G. Park District Meeting Regarding the Boathouse Restoration**

Commissioner Wilson stated the Park District Board met on Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup> to discuss the Boathouse restoration. Chairman Marks stated during the discussion, an issue surfaced about the proposed doors as glass doors are now being suggested for the east end of the Boathouse instead of wooden doors. Chairman Marks stated the Historic Preservation Commission is very excited and supportive about this restoration, but the Commissioners are concerned about the deviation from the plan as it pertains to historic preservation. He stated they did the restoration on Stacy's Tavern the right way and kept it historically accurate. Commissioner Wilson stated there is no need for glass doors as there is a lot of light coming in from the many windows.

Chairman Marks stated he spoke at the Park District meeting as well as Genell Scheurell from the National Trust about the importance of staying with a historically-accurate design, or the landmarking of the Boathouse could possibly be jeopardized due to the glass doors. He stated the architect on the project suggested they should possibly go back to the wooden doors. Commissioner Wilson stated she raised the concern about the safety of the glass doors, but that the Park District Board did vote 4 to 2 in favor of putting in glass doors.

Commissioner Fisher suggested having the Village Attorney review this issue, but Chairman Marks stated they might not help with an issue at the Park District. Commissioner Loftus referred to the August 26<sup>th</sup> Commissioner packet from the Architectural Review Commission which contained the narrative from the architect and the board about the project and stated if the doors and windows were to be historic, this cannot be changed now. Commissioner Wilson stated she will forward the Park District's minutes from the meeting once they are approved.

There was also a discussion regarding the Boathouse's addition being removed. Commissioner Loftus stated he will look at the drawings in the books that he has on this.

Chairman Marks suggested tabling this issue until the November meeting so Trustee Senak and Mr. Stonitsch would be present for this discussion.

### **H. 418 Ridgewood**

Chairman Marks stated Jack McMahon may buy the landmarked home at 418 Ridgewood Avenue and would like to preserve this home in a "green" manner. Chairman Marks stated Mr. McMahon asked if the Commissioners would back him if he bought the home, and Chairman Marks stated it would depend what is to be done to the home.

Chairman Marks asked the Commissioners to drive by this home. Chairman Marks tabled the discussion on this home to the November meeting and would like the landmark ordinance for this home to be included in the Commissioners' packets.

### **I. CAMP Training Workshop in Geneva, Illinois**

Chairman Marks stated there will be a CAMP training workshop on Saturday, November 14, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Geneva. He stated you would need to register by November 6<sup>th</sup>, and the cost is \$70. Chairman Marks stated the Village may be able to reimburse for this workshop so we will check into this.

### **6. Architectural Review Commission (ARC) Report**

Commissioner Loftus stated there have been no ARC meetings this month.

### **7. Historical Society Business**

Chairman Marks stated there will be an event on October 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> at the History Center, entitled "The Time Machine: an Evening of Haunted Hijinx."

### **8. Chairman's Report**

None

### **9. Trustee Liaison's Report**

None

### **10. Staff Report**

Chairman Marks asked that Mr. Stonitsch send out the Capital Improvements Commission Report for the Commissioner to review and give feedback on.

### **11. Confirmation of Next Meeting Date and Adjournment**

Chairman Marks stated the next meeting will take place on Thursday, November 19, 2015, at 7:30 p.m.

With no further business, Chairman Marks asked for a motion of adjournment. Commissioner Christiansen motioned for adjournment, and Commissioner Fisher seconded. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Submitted by: Debbie Solomon, Recording Secretary