

## MINUTES

**BOARD/COMMISSION:** Historic Preservation

**DATE:** 2/16/17

**MEETING:** Regular

**CALLED TO ORDER:** 7:05 p.m.

**QUORUM:** Yes

**ADJOURNED:** 8:38 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Glen Ellyn Civic Center

**MEMBER ATTENDANCE:**

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

**EXCUSED:** Commissioners Dieter, Manak, Schreiber, Student Commissioner Dillman

**ALSO PRESENT:** Associate Village Planner Purvis, Recording Secretary Solomon, Glen Ellyn Historical Society Executive Director Karen Hall, Audience Member Paul Hale

**1. Call to Order**

Chairman Marks called the Glen Ellyn Historic Preservation Commission regular meeting to order at 7:05 p.m., in the Civic Center at 535 Duane Street, Glen Ellyn, Illinois.

**2. Public Comment**

None

**3. Approval of January 19, 2017 Meeting Minutes**

- A. Chairman Marks stated he was not at the January meeting when the November minutes were approved and needs to make a correction to an address that should read 657 Lake Road and not 657 Hill Avenue.
- B. Chairman Marks stated he is very pleased with the work done by the Public Works Department on the National Register sign at Main Street and Hawthorne Avenue. Commissioner Loftus moved to approve the minutes of January 19, 2017. Commissioner Wilson seconded, and the motion carried by a vote of 5-0. Chairman Marks abstained from this vote as he was not present at the January meeting.

**4. Old Business**

## **A. Amended Goals for the 2017 Commission**

Associate Planner Purvis stated that staff is looking to do some updates to the historic preservation ordinance which will be brought to the HPC to review, and she would like to add this to the 2017 goals. Associate Planner Purvis stated the goals were reviewed at the January meeting with Commissioners Loftus and Christiansen suggesting some additional goals.

Chairman Marks read through the 2016 goals and gave Associate Planner Purvis a copy of these goals to incorporate into the 2017 goals. Chairman Marks stated he would like to see if the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency (IHPA) could do another seminar regarding possible federal tax credits on the buildings in the Downtown Historic Districts. He stated they could invite building owners, architects, etc. to this. Commissioner Loftus mentioned the Suburban Alliance is having a meeting on Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 2pm with Anthony Rubano from the IHPA speaking on this topic. Commissioner Loftus will send this information to Associate Planner Purvis to forward to the Downtown Business Alliance.

Chairman Marks stated the HPC should be working closely with the Glen Ellyn Historical Society and the Citizens for Glen Ellyn Preservation to partner about things at Stacy's Corners.

Commissioner Saliamonas stated the HPC should get in contact with ComEd about the extreme trimming of trees. Chairman Marks stated he does not think the HPC can do this, but he did encourage individuals to write ComEd a letter about this. Chairman Marks stated he would find out who the letter should be sent to at ComEd. Associate Planner Purvis stated the Village does not have any say on how much is cut from the trees due to possible interference with power lines. Commissioner Fisher suggested the Village Board possibly having a meeting with ComEd on this.

## **B. Memo from Commissioner Christiansen relating to Heritage Trees**

Commissioner Christiansen stated doing a Heritage Tree program might be an option to recognize and honor Village trees of historic significance with the program going through the HPC. Commissioner Christiansen stated the program could be done via application process similar to applying for historic landmark status.

Chairman Marks referred to the book Gems of Glen Ellyn and stated this is a great book about the wonderful trees in the Village.

Associate Planner Purvis stated she talked with Planning and Development Director Hulseberg, and this does sound like an award. Associate Planner Purvis stated the Village Board's direction is this is not in the HPC's purview.

Trustee Senak entered the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

Chairman Marks asked about a possible honorary listing published quarterly, and Trustee Senak agreed with this. Trustee Senak stated the Village should be more focused on keeping historic trees. Associate Planner Purvis stated Planning and Development Director Hulseberg is 100 percent supportive of information about trees being on the Village's website. Glen Ellyn Historical Society (GEHS) Executive Director Hall stated if the Village's arborist could work with the GEHS, heritage tree information could go on the GEHS website.

## **5. New Business**

### **A. Discussion about consistency in architectural design in the Central Business District**

Chairman Marks stated at the January meeting, Commissioner Loftus mentioned the façade on the proposed brew pub is to be redone. Chairman Marks stated he is concerned as Pennsylvania Avenue is becoming a hodge-podge of architectural styles. He stated he feels that if a building to be redone is in the Central Business District (CBD) that has mostly traditional designs then an aesthetic of traditional design should be retained. He stated the old Schmid's Pharmacy is being turned into a mid-century modern building that does not fit in with the CBD. He stated the Village needs to be careful about what designs are approved for the CBD, and these designs should fit the streetscape.

Commissioner Fisher stated that maybe a letter should be written to the Village Board and Architectural Review Commission that new designs should be in keeping with the current streetscape.

Associate Planner Purvis stated the Planning and Development Department often hears that the Village's Architectural Review Guidelines are too strict.

There was a discussion regarding architectural designs and the use of quality materials.

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

Commissioner Loftus stated the ARC needed to revisit the public hearing about Panera as some of the neighbors were not notified properly. Commissioner Loftus stated the project was recommended by the ARC.

Commissioner Loftus stated the ARC denied a request for an electronic sign at 535 Pennsylvania Avenue.

GEHS Executive Director Hall asked about the proposed gas station at Stacy's Corners. Associate Planner Purvis stated this is going to the ARC and Plan Commission February 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> respectively. Commissioner Loftus stated there has only been a pre-application meeting so far.

## **7. Historical Society Business**

Executive Director Hall stated there are several upcoming events including:

- Leslie Goddard as Brownie Wise: The Original Tupperware Party Lady; Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.
- Discovering Marie Curie: a one-woman play by Maria Boundas Bakalis; Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.
- The History of Prostitution and the Story of Brothels in Glen Ellyn; Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

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

None

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

Trustee Senak stated the dog license fee has been eliminated, and the Village is working on relining water mains around the Village. Trustee Senak stated the Village has chosen to participate in the Cool DuPage Initiative. Commissioner Saliamonas stated the preservation of trees does fit in with this initiative.

Trustee Senak stated that 2016 was a good year financially in the Village. He stated the Village Board is discussing what to do with the Civic Center once the Police Department moves to its new building.

Trustee Senak stated the Taylor Street underpass does have an updated target completion date of November 2017. Commissioner Saliamonas asked about another overpass/underpass planned for the Village. Trustee Senak stated there has been discussion on this, but nothing finalized at this point.

Commissioner Loftus asked about the 20-year street rehabilitation plan. Trustee Senak stated this is going pretty well, and the biggest discussion has been regarding a possible widening of Park Boulevard to add a bike lane.

## **10. Staff Report**

### **A. Update on Development Projects: McChesney & Miller, Giesche and Soukup's properties**

Associate Planner Purvis stated for the McChesney & Miller property, Springbank has a new joint venture partner. Associate Planner Purvis stated the Village is estimating the developer is about four to six months out from having concept plans ready.

Associate Planner Purvis stated the Giesche property is under contract to a developer for a single-retail use, and Village staff will be having meetings next week about this.

Associate Planner Purvis stated the demolition work is almost done inside the Soukup's property, and this property will likely be divided into four units.

### **B. Memo to Manager Franz about the benefits of being a Certified Local Government (CLG)**

Associate Planner Purvis stated she put a memo together on the topic of CLGs. Associate Planner Purvis stated there are 1,299 municipalities in Illinois and 79 of those municipalities are CLGs. The benefit of being a CLG is that the Village receives priority in acquiring grant funds for projects such as National Register Listings, and Architecture Resource Surveys. To date, the Village has received \$61,800 in grant funds as a CLG from the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency.

### **C. Historic Preservation Annual Awards**

Associate Planner Purvis stated the Village is accepting nominations for the 2017 awards, and information was sent out via eNews. Associate Planner Purvis stated these awards will also be advertised in the Village Newsletter next week. Chairman Marks asked if these award nominations could be added to the Village's electronic sign and maybe in the local newspaper.

### **D. 250 Regent – Joanne McDonald, homeowner of the recently landmarked property is seeking a recommendation for an architect to update her hardscape**

Associate Planner Purvis stated homeowner Joanne McDonald wants to ensure her hardscape is updated in the right way to reflect the landmarked home status. Commissioner Loftus recommended Susan Jacobsen and will forward this information to Associate Planner Purvis.

## **E. McKee House**

Associate Planner Purvis stated the Village is contemplating taking over responsibility for the McKee House in the DuPage Forest Preserve. There was a discussion regarding how this might work.

## **11. Other Business**

Chairman Marks shared a document about the historic signage used in Hinsdale's central business district which has gotten wonderful feedback.

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

Chairman Marks stated the next meeting will take place on Thursday, March 16, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

With no further business, Chairman Marks asked for a motion of adjournment. Commissioner Christiansen motioned for adjournment, and Commissioner Loftus seconded. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Submitted by: Debbie Solomon, Recording Secretary