

MINUTES

BOARD/COMMISSION: Historic Preservation

DATE: 3/16/17

MEETING: Regular

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:01 p.m.

QUORUM: Yes

ADJOURNED: 9:07 p.m.

LOCATION: Glen Ellyn Civic Center

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT: Chairman Marks, Commissioners Dieter, Fisher, Loftus, Manak, Schreiber, Wilson, Student Commissioner Dillman

EXCUSED: Commissioners Christiansen, Saliamonas

ALSO PRESENT: Trustee Senak, Associate Village Planner Purvis, audience member Ken Klaus

A. Call to Order

Chairman Marks called the Glen Ellyn Historic Preservation Commission regular meeting to order at 7:01 p.m., in the Civic Center at 535 Duane Street, Glen Ellyn, Illinois.

B. Public Comment

None

C. Approval of February 16, 2017 Meeting Minutes

A. Commissioner Fisher moved to approve the minutes of February 16, 2017. Commissioner Loftus seconded, and the motion carried by a vote of 5-0. Commissioners Manak and Schreiber abstained from this vote as they were not present at the February meeting.

D. Old Business

A. Chairman Marks requested information from Village staff regarding the Village's historic entrance signs. He recalled a conversation about the Village fixing them and stated that they are still in need of repair. Associate Planner Purvis stated that the signs are likely being budgeted for, but that she will try to find out additional information for the Commission.

B. Amended Goals for the 2017 Commission

Associate Planner Purvis stated the goals were reviewed at the January and February meetings. All recommendations have been added to the list of goals.

Commissioner Manak expressed interest in helping to update the Historic Preservation Code and suggested creating a subcommittee to assist with the project.

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 the event. The Commission suggested setting up a 9:00 am meeting, before the businesses downtown are open so that the owners can attend.

Commissioner Schreiber moved to approve the 2017 goals as amended. Commissioner Manak seconded, and the motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

C. Discussion about the 2016 Historic Preservation Awards

Associate Planner Purvis stated that the Village has received one nomination for the 2016 Historic Preservation Awards. Village staff are being very proactive this year about getting nominations. The awards have been advertised in e-news blasts, through the Village's social media sites and a letter was sent to all of the registered contractors in the Village as well.

Chairman Marks asked the Commission if anyone has any projects that they would like to discuss or nominate for the awards. Two properties were mentioned:

746 Euclid Avenue for remodel of the year or for architectural details; and
385 Vine Street for remodel of the year.

The Commission was asked to think about additional nominations and come prepared to discuss at the April meeting.

E. New Business

A. Report by Commissioner Wilson – Preservation Tax Incentives Event (sponsored by the Suburban Alliance and co-sponsored by Landmarks Illinois)

Commissioner Wilson stated that the event had a nice turnout and a lot of great information was shared. She was not sure if many of the attendees were from Glen Ellyn businesses, but stated that she thought it would be a good idea to hold an

event like this in Glen Ellyn. Tax incentives for commercial and residential landmarks were covered.

F. Architectural Review Commission (ARC) Report

Commissioner Loftus spoke briefly regarding the public hearing for a gas station at 825 N Main Street. The ARC approved variations for signage area and an electronic message board, but tabled the discussion about the exterior appearance of the gas station. The ARC will discuss the exterior appearance at the April 12, 2017 meeting.

The Commission asked Trustee Senak questions about the proposed gas station and a lengthy discussion regarding crime, traffic, and environmental impacts ensued.

G. Historical Society Business

Executive Director Hall was not able to attend this meeting.

H. Chairman's Report

None

I. Trustee Liaison's Report

The Commission discussed at length the proposed gas station at 825 N Main Street.

J. Staff Report

K. Other Business

L. Confirmation of Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

Chairman Marks stated the next meeting will take place on Thursday, April 20, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Submitted by: Kelly Purvis, Associate Planner