



Minutes
Village of Glen Ellyn
Historic Preservation
Regular Meeting
January 17, 2019
7:00PM
Glen Ellyn Civic Center Rm 301

Board or Commission: Historic Preservation
Meeting: Regular
Quorum: Yes

Date: January 17, 2019
Called to Order: 7:00 p.m.
Adjourned: 9:38 p.m.

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

Tim F. Loftus	Chairman	Present
Kelli E. Christiansen	Commissioner	Present
Nathan A. Darga	Commissioner	Present
Robert S. Dieter	Commissioner	Present
Ian Hood	Commissioner	Present
James P. Manak	Commissioner	Present
Kimberly A. Veum-Welsh	Commissioner	Present

Also Present:

John Sterrett	Village Planner – Staff Liaison	Present
Mark Senak	Trustee Liaison	Present
Karen Hall	Executive Director of the Historical Society	Present
Amy White	Student Intern	Present
Elisa Pollina	Recording Secretary	Present
Julius Hansen	Director of Public Works	Present
Tom Topor	Sr. Civil Engineer	Present

Public Present:

Ken Kloss	350 Ridgewood Avenue, Glen Ellyn	
Leland Marks		
Mike Wilson	710 Crescent Blvd, Glen Ellyn	
Boy Scout Troop 46		

A. CALL TO ORDER

The January 17, 2019 regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was called to order by Chairman Loftus at 7:00 PM at the Glen Ellyn Historical Society.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT – Glen Ellyn resident Kenneth Kloss, a retired architect, is concerned with the new Apex project. He presents his proposal for the project as well as his concerns. He is concerned with the height of the building which would block sunshine and he is also concerned with the building not being set back enough which could pose a safety issue for children. He believes the developer is controlling the project; and strongly believes the Village should be controlling the project. He adds, if a majority of the residents are not in favor of this project as it stands, then it should not pass.

Mike Wilson a Glen Ellyn resident states that residents here have an investment in this town and it should be protected with regard to the Apex project. He presented a plan for the Giesche space – a park with a Town Square with retail.

Chairman Loftus asks the Boy Scout Troop 46 to weigh in on the planned project. They liked the Town Square retail park that Mike Wilson presented.

The residents at the HPC meeting feel that a referendum should have been put forth to approve the Giesche project.

C. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Chairman Loftus welcomes Boy Scout Troop 46 to the HPC meeting.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 20, 2018 MEETING

MOVE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING 12/20/2018

RESULT: Motion Unanimously Carried

MOVER: Commissioner Manak

SECONDER: Commissioner Christiansen

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. *A Plan for the Horse Trough presented by Glen Ellyn Public Works.* Engineer Topor presents an overview of the streetscape plan to the HPC. Engineer Topor explains to the HPC that this project is currently in phase 1. This phase consists of surveys, concepts, construction schedule/timeline and public outreach. Phase 1 is scheduled to be completed in early spring of 2019 with construction starting in 2020. He adds that there will be a Design Workshop for this project on January 26th 10:00-2:00 pm at Fire station #1. He invites the HPC to attend and share their ideas.

Public Works Director Hansen reports that prior to the streetscape plan we would like to discuss with the HPC on what to do with the iconic Horse Trough. He would like a plan in place for the Horse Trough prior to the streetscape construction. The current Horse Trough was built in 1907 and over the years we have restored and repaired it. We are proposing to put this original horse trough indoors in a museum so it can be preserved. We would like to build a replica of the horse trough perhaps in bronze and perhaps make it into a water feature. Historical Society Director Hall adds, we could put the Horse Trough in the World Plaza, she doesn't think it can be put in the historical museum because of space constraints. Director Hansen adds if we don't preserve it and we stick with the original we run the risk of a car hitting it and destroying it. He asks the HPC what their thoughts are on whether to preserve and make a replica. The HPC likes the idea of preserving the original horse trough and move it indoors and agrees to build a replica. Commissioner Manak asks if the replica could be left white in color instead of bronze because it has always been white. The HPC agrees to keep the color white. Director Hansen will look into white finishes for the replica. Director Hansen asks the HPC if they like the fountain idea and if they have any preferences as to where to put this replica. The HPC agrees to make the Horse Trough replica into a fountain. The HPC's preference would be to keep the Horse Trough on the center island. Director Hansen will draft a letter to include the HPC's preferences for the Horse Trough and its location. He asks the HPC to sign and return this letter to him by February 1, 2019. Chairman Loftus adds he is pleased with Public Works wanting to preserve the Horse Trough and gives his full support of restoration. The HPC thanks Engineer Topor and Director Hansen for their reports.

2. *Discussion of the Effect of the Proposed Main Street Development Project abutting the South Downtown Historic District* - Chairman Loftus submitted photos to the HPC showing to scale what the building will look like and its impact to the historic district. Chairman Loftus adds that Houseal Lavigne conducted a survey of over 500 respondents and 17% of the respondents were in favor of an apartment development, 83% were against it. He asks the HPC if they have any comments to the village board with how the Giesche project will affect the historic district. After much discussion, the HPC believes this project is a detriment to the historic district. Commissioner Christiansen adds that as a Historic Preservation Commission it is our duty and responsibility to bring forth our concerns to the

Village Board. Chairman Loftus distributes Chapter 13 of the HPC highlighting the following points: Chapter 13 2-13-1. Purpose of provisions. (B) to safeguard the Village's historic and cultural heritage, as embodied and reflected in such areas, districts, places, buildings, structures, works of art and other objects determined eligible for designation by ordinance as Glen Ellyn landmarks. (E) To protect and enhance the attractiveness of the Village to homeowners, home buyers, tourists, visitors, businesses and shoppers, and thereby to support and promote business, commerce, industry and tourism and to provide economic benefit to the village; 2-13-2. Commission on Glen Ellyn Landmarks. (D) Commission powers and duties: The commission shall have and may exercise the following duties, powers, and responsibilities; (9.) To make recommendations to the Village Board concerning means to preserve, protect, enhance, rehabilitate and perpetuate landmarks and structures in landmark districts; 14. To advise any Village department or agency concerning the effect of its actions, programs, capital improvements, or activities on designated or potential landmarks. Chairman Loftus adds based on those responsibilities the HPC can put forth a resolution whether we are for or against this project as it relates to the HPC's mission.

The HPC agrees to the following resolution:

It is hereby resolved that in order to faithfully carry out the duties entrusted to the Historic Preservation Commission, by the Village Board of Glen Ellyn, and as written in the Glen Ellyn Municipal Code under the above noted sections of the code, that the following recommendations be made to protect the integrity and the character of the existing Glen Ellyn Downtown, National Register Historic District, from the intrusion of any such developments that do not conform to the 2001-Glen Ellyn Comprehensive Plan, the 2009-Glen Ellyn Downtown Strategic Plan, and the current Glen Ellyn Zoning Code regarding size and character: That any such new developments outside the documented plans and codes created by several Village of Glen Ellyn Board of Trustees and its citizens, that were designed to promote and preserve the distinct and unique character of the Downtown Business District, as well as provide for both business and residential expansion for the benefit of the Village, and to promote cultural heritage tourism, not be implemented in areas that abut said National Register Historic Districts.

Commissioner Darga motions to approve the resolution regarding the effect of the proposed Main Street Development Project abutting the South Downtown Historic District; and Commissioner Veum-Welsh seconds the approval.

MOVE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION REGARDING THE EFFECT OF THE MAIN STREET DEVELOPMENT PROJECT ABUTTING THE SOUTH DOWNTOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT

RESULT: Motion Unanimously Carried

MOVER: Commissioner Darga

SECONDER: Commissioner Veum-Welsh

Ayes: 7

3. Discussion regarding hosting a Suburban Preservation Alliance Meeting – Chairman Loftus asked the HPC if they were interested in hosting a meeting in either the spring or fall. He adds if we do this I would need support from the HPC. We could host the meeting at the History Center. The HPC agrees to host. Chairman Loftus will contact Lisa to discuss hosting a fall meeting.

F. OLD BUSINESS

1. Review and Finalize the 2019 Goals of the Historic Preservation Commission – Chairman Loftus would like to put this on the agenda for next month's meeting.
2. Continued Discussion of the Preservation Month Event in May - Chairman Loftus would like to put this on the agenda for next month's meeting.

G. HISTORICAL SOCIETY BUSINESS – Executive Director Hall reports on Saturday January 19th at 2:00 pm Historian M.J Frumkin from the Chicago Auto Show will make a presentation on Dazzling Dream Cars. Director Hall distributes Glen Ellyn Historical Society Upcoming Events list.

H. CHAIRMAN REPORT – Chairman Loftus shows photos of a remodel on 906 Roselyn Avenue which is up for a nomination in the remodel category

I. VILLAGE BOARD TRUSTEE REPORT – Trustee Senak encourages everyone to go to the village workshop regarding the Giesche project on Tuesday January 22, 2019. He reports that the board approved funds to continue construction to the civic center adding additional parking spaces. The taste of Glen Ellyn has been relocated to where Jazz Fest is held. The police department purchased cameras from funds that were received from drug enforcement. The cameras will be able to take pictures of license plates intended for crime investigation. One camera will be placed by 355 and will not be used for purposes of red light cameras.

J. STAFF REPORT – Staff Liaison Sterrett reports that the streetscape design charrette will be next Saturday.

K. ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING DATE - A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Manak and Commissioner Veum-Welsh seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

The next HPC meeting will be held on January 21, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by Elisa Pollina, Recording Secretary

Reviewed by John Sterrett, Staff Liaison