



Minutes
Village of Glen Ellyn
Historic Preservation
Regular Meeting
February 21, 2019
7:00PM
Glen Ellyn Civic Center Rm 301

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

Date: February 21, 2019
Called to Order: 7:01 p.m.
Adjourned: 9:06 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	Absent
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	Absent
Elisa Pollina	Recording Secretary	Present

Public Present:

Tim Whalen - Forest Preserve District 4	1200 Roosevelt Road	
Leland Marks		

A. CALL TO ORDER

The February 21, 2019 regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was called to order by Chairman Loftus at 7:01 PM at the Glen Ellyn Historical Society.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT – Tim Whalen, Forest Preserve District 4, makes a presentation to the HPC on how he would like to preserve the McKee House. (see attached presentation) He reports that the McKee House is now part of Glen Ellyn and he would like to preserve this as a historical site. He believes from a historical perspective it is our duty to preserve the McKee House. He recently attended the CBD workshop to present this information to the village. As it stands, \$375,000 needs to be raised by October or the Village will tear down the McKee house. He adds that extensive mailings have been sent out to solicit donations. We have received some small grants so far. If we show the Citizen's group that we have raised a portion of the money they may extend our deadline date. Chairman Loftus asks the HPC for ideas on how to accomplish this. Former Chairman Marks adds that doing a PR blitz is the best way to get the word out to residents and clubs. Trustee Senak asks if we can get this on the Village website to draw awareness. Staff Liaison Sterrett adds we may want to tie this into our May event. Chairman Loftus adds we can landmark this property so that it can be protected. The McKee house would qualify for land marking. He would like this to be put on the April agenda so that the HPC can vote to landmark the McKee house. The HPC thanks Tim Whalen for his presentation.

C. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM January 17, 2019 MEETING

MOVE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING 1/17/2019

RESULT: Motion Unanimously Carried

MOVER: Commissioner Manak

SECONDER: Commissioner Darga

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. *The Remembrance of Former Commissioner John Schreiber*: Chairman Loftus announces that former Commissioner John Schreiber passed away on January 30, 2019. He served on the HPC in the mid-2000s-2017. The HPC shares their memories of John Schreiber. Commissioner Manak remembers Schreiber as a true expert in historic preservation. Trustee Senak adds he was a walking book of Glen Ellyn History, an amazing man. Former Chairman Marks adds he would help us on various projects, a very kind man.

F. OLD BUSINESS

1. Review and finalize the 2019 Goals of the Historic Preservation Commission – Chairman Loftus asks the HPC if they would like to make any additional changes to the Revised 2019 Goals. Commissioner Darga makes a motion to accept the revised list of goals as it appears and that these goals are adopted as the HPC's final list for 2019. Commissioner Christiansen seconds the motion

MOVE TO Accept and adopt the HPC's 2019 Goals

RESULT: Motion Unanimously Carried

MOVER: Commissioner Darga

SECONDER: Commissioner Christiansen

Ayes: 6

Staff Liaison Sterrett adds we should keep this on the agenda each month. Chairman Loftus asks the HPC to start working on the action items.

2. Action Plan for Landmark Initiative (Goal #3) – Commissioner Manak presented to the HPC an action plan of 5 steps to accomplish the HPC's landmark initiative (see attached action plan) The steps are as follows: 1. Selection of potential properties, 2. Select properties and drive by test to consider suitability, changes, etc., 3. Collect and arrange print material, 4. Prepare draft of introductory letter for approval by commission and Village, 5. Visits to homeowners by 2 members of commission – start by May 1st. Commissioner Manak asks the HPC for their reaction to this action plan. The HPC approves this action plan. Commissioner Manak asks if anyone is interested in going on personal visits. Commissioners Darga and Veum-Welsh offer to help with personal visits. Commissioner Manak adds that he will draft the letter and will move forward on this action plan.
3. Continued Discussion of the Preservation Month Event in May – The HPC discusses doing a scavenger hunt for the May event. Commissioner Christiansen suggests taking pictures of partial buildings and let the kids identify its name and location. We can also feature landmark signs in the photos as well. Commissioner Christiansen adds her husband would be willing to take the photos for us. We will use locations from the historic and downtown district. We should aim to have 8-10 photos. Director Hall adds you can partner with the downtown alliance and they can provide the stickers for the passports. She also adds that Andy's custard is trying to partner with organizations and they would be willing to offer free custard samples.

- G. HISTORICAL SOCIETY BUSINESS** – Executive Director Hall reports on Saturday February 23rd at 2:00 pm is Mary's Lincoln's Photo Album and on March 2nd is Wright Brothers, Wrong Story at 2:00 pm. Director Hall distributes the Glen Ellyn Historical Society Upcoming Events list.
- H. CHAIRMAN REPORT** – Chairman Loftus reports that Director Hansen did draft the letter regarding the HPC's recommendations on the horse trough and he signed off on it.
- I. VILLAGE BOARD TRUSTEE REPORT** – Trustee Senak reports that the McKee house is on the village's agenda. The CBD streetscape is also on the village's agenda and encourages everyone to weigh in on this project. We want to modernize the streetscape while preserving the historical aspect of downtown. Chairman Loftus asks Staff Liaison Sterrett for a copy of the streetscape presentation so the HPC can review it. Trustee Senak also reports that Raisin Cain is going in where Caribou was and asks the HPC to share their opinions on the train station pedestrian underpass.
- J. STAFF REPORT** – Staff Liaison Sterrett announces that tonight will be his last meeting with the HPC. His last day with Glen Ellyn is tomorrow. He has accepted a position with the Village of West Chicago. He adds he has enjoyed working with Glen Ellyn. The HPC wishes Sterrett well and has enjoyed working with him.
- 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 9:06 p.m.

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

Submitted by Elisa Pollina, Recording Secretary

Reviewed by Kelly Purvis, Staff Liaison