



Minutes
Village of Glen Ellyn
Historic Preservation
Regular Meeting
January 21, 2021
7:00PM
Glen Ellyn Civic Center Zoom Call

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

Date: January 21, 2021
Called to Order: 7:02 p.m.
Adjourned: 9:00 p.m.

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

Tim F. Loftus	Chairman	Present
Nathan A. Darga	Commissioner	Present
Phil Hartweg	Commissioner	Present
Penn French	Commissioner	Present
Ian Hood	Commissioner	Present
Lisa Sallwasser	Commissioner	Present

Also Present:

Cole Jackson	Associate Planner – Staff Liaison	Present
Bill Enright	Trustee Liaison	Present
Karen Hall	Executive Director of the Historical Society	Present
Elisa Pollina	Recording Secretary	Present
Dan Anderson	Historical Society	Present

Public Present:

Kane Tran	507 Pennsylvania Avenue	

A. CALL TO ORDER

The **January 21, 2021** regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was called to order by Chairman Loftus at **7:02 PM** at the Glen Ellyn Civic Center via Zoom Call.

B. Chairperson's Statement of Remote Meeting Procedures: Chairman Loftus reads a statement detailing remote meeting procedures.

C. Allow Remote Participation of Historic Preservation Commissioners (roll call vote): Commissioner Darga motions to allow remote participation of the Historic Preservation Commissioners; Commissioner Hartweg seconds the motion.

MOVE TO ALLOW REMOTE PARTICIPATION OF HPC MEETING 1/21/2021

RESULT: Motion Unanimously Carried

MOVER: Commissioner Darga

SECONDER: Commissioner Hartweg

AYES: Loftus, Sallwasser, Hartweg, French, Hood And Darga

D. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 17, 2020 MEETING (roll call vote)

MOVE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING 12/17/2020

RESULT: Motion Unanimously Carried

MOVER: Commissioner Hartweg

SECONDER: Commissioner Darga

AYES: Loftus, Sallwasser, Hartweg, French, Hood, and Darga

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. *Historical Society Plaques Update* - Dan Anderson from the Historical Society reports on the historic plaques for the CBD streetscape project. He states, 144 different locations in the downtown district have been identified as plaque candidates. The biggest challenge is to gather all the information to fit on a 12 x 12 plaque. We are working with Frank Troost of Troost Monument to help with the plaque design. We would like to narrow down the 144 candidates down to about 40-50. There is a mockup of the historic plaque for residents to view. We have established certain criteria to identify candidates. Some of the sites are

plaqueable for the current building that is there as well as what was there before. We have a lot of interesting information to pull from. We not only can plaque buildings but we can also plaque events that took place at certain locations. We continue to do research. The preliminary report went before the village board earlier this month. We will bring more definitive information to the board in February. Anderson asks the HPC if they have any questions. Commissioner French asks what the timing parameter is for this. Anderson replies, Engineer Tom Topor wants the sites identified in 2021 so they can put it on the CBD Streetscape project renderings. We need to decide on the 50 sites. Anderson will provide the HPC the list of 144 sites for them to review and select their top 50. Director Hall of the Historical Society adds, the HSS will fundraise to cover the cost of the plaques. Chairman Loftus asks the HPC to review the list once they receive it and give their feedback to Staff Planner Jackson within a week so he can send the feedback over to Dan Anderson and Karen Hall.

2. *Mapping Project Update* – Staff Planner Jackson reports he spoke with Kristin and she is prepared to put the correct numbers into the map. If we had the photos I used them. I also have a spreadsheet with the ordinances that we can add additional information to. We still need to take about 40 photos that staff will be responsible for taking. We will get the pictures taken and add with the content we already have. Commissioner French adds, perhaps we could use a professional home photographer to take the photos for us. I have a few contacts that I use for my real-estate. Perhaps we could use some of our budget for this. Staff Planner Jackson adds, for this project the HPC has \$1,000 budget. Commissioner French will send Staff Planner Jackson the contact information for the photographers.
3. *Review of 507 Pennsylvania Avenue Window Proposal:* Staff Planner Jackson reports property owner Kane Tran of 507 Pennsylvania Avenue is requesting exterior appearance approval for modifications to the existing building. The owner intends to locate a bubble tea store within the building. This exterior appearance change requires Village Board approval. Staff is requesting that the HPC review this request. Staff Planner Jackson shows photos of the existing building. Property owner Tran states he would like to remove the metal panels behind the awning and replace them with windows (see attached photos). He is not looking to make major changes to the building. He appreciates Glen Ellyn's historic building and is looking to restore this building. Chairman Loftus asks if sections of the metal panels can be restored. Tran states no. He wants to replace the panels with windows to have a tighter water seal. There are other parts of the building that need restoring such as at the bottom of the building where the mortar on the bricks are loose. Commissioner Darga is in favor of removing the awning and putting glass back up there. Commissioner Sallwasser suggests looking at the type of glass other businesses have used (such as Marche). Commissioner Hartweg adds, a plain or striated glass would look good. Chairman Loftus asks Tran to look for historic looking glass. He asks if the contractor is aware of this type of product. Tran replies he will talk with the contractor about the glass. He adds he will try his best to keep the building as historical as possible. The HPC is in support of replacing the metal panels and

replacing it with some glass element in order to make it look more historic.
Chairman Loftus thanks Kane Tran for coming before the HPC tonight.

G. OLD BUSINESS – None

H. HISTORICAL SOCIETY BUSINESS – Executive Director Hall reports we have been doing the downtown Scavenger Hunt since the holiday break and it has been going great and participants are having fun.

I. CHAIRMAN REPORT – Chairman Loftus reports, I have been following up with Brendon Moriarty and providing him with information and ideas for his replacement windows for 369 N. Main Street.

J. VILLAGE BOARD TRUSTEE REPORT – Trustee Enright reports Diane McGinley resigned at the end of the 2020. Trustee Fasules will be the interim President. There will be a 6 person board until the end of May. We approved the walkway from the parking garage to Main Street. We moved forward on continuing to offer relief (up to \$5,000) for businesses struggling due to COVID through the Cares Act. This has been extended to March 31, 2021. We have approved other components of the CBD Streetscape project. The big issue now is should we start the project this year or next year. We are waiting to hear back from COD on whether the Frida Kahlo exhibit will be coming this year. Once we hear back from them, we can start making decisions on the CBD Streetscape construction schedule.

K. STAFF REPORT – Associate Planner Jackson reports the HPC award nominations are now open. We are promoting this on our website. If you know of anyone who wants to be nominated, please send them the link. Also, the Plan Commission held a public hearing concerning the demolition of the existing building at 414 Pennsylvania in order to construct an orthodontics office. The Village Board is expected to review the request on February 8. The Plan Commission will also hold a public hearing concerning a special use permit to allow a single-family home in the existing building at 454 Duane Street.

L. ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING DATE - A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Darga and seconded by Commissioner Hartweg.
The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Submitted by Elisa Pollina, Recording Secretary

Reviewed by Cole Jackson, Staff Liaison