



Minutes
Village of Glen Ellyn
Historic Preservation
Regular Meeting
August 19, 2021
7:00PM
Glen Ellyn Civic Center, Room 306

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

Date: August 19, 2021
Called to Order: 7:00 p.m.
Adjourned: 8:39 p.m.

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

Penn French	Chairman	Present
Nathan A. Darga	Commissioner	Present
John Day	Commissioner	Present
Phil Hartweg	Commissioner	Present
Ian Hood	Commissioner	Present
Barb Lemme	Commissioner	Present
Lisa Sallwasser	Commissioner	Present
Also Present:		
Kelly Purvis	Village Planner – Staff Liaison	Present
Jane Blatchford	Student Commissioner	Present
Karen Hall	Executive Director of the Historical Society	Present
Kelly Kalinich	Trustee Liaison	Present
Elisa Pollina	Recording Secretary	Present
Public Present:		
Lee Marks		Present
Don Ohlinger	671 Prairie Ave, GE	Present

A. CALL TO ORDER

The **August 19, 2021** regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was called to order by Chairman French at **7:00 PM** at the Glen Ellyn Civic Center.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM May 20, 2021 MEETING - Commissioner Lemme motions to approve the minutes; Commissioner Darga seconds the motion.

MOVE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING 5/20/2021

RESULT: Motion Unanimously Carried

MOVER: Commissioner Lemme

SECONDER: Commissioner Darga

AYES: 6

ABSTAINS: Day

C. PUBLIC COMMENT – Glen Ellyn resident and former chairman of the HPC Lee Marks passes down information that he has obtained throughout his years of Historic Preservation. He also gives Chairman French files that he and former Chairman Loftus have acquired. Marks states he is happy to help out the HPC whenever needed. Chairman French thanks Marks and appreciates his wealth of knowledge on Historic Preservation.

D. OLD BUSINESS - None

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. *671 Prairie Avenue – Consideration of an application for alteration to a landmarked property* - Staff Liaison Purvis reports on the property owner of 671 Prairie Avenue, Don Ohlinger, and his alteration requests. Don Ohlinger came before the Historic Preservation Commission in January of 2011 to request a landmark designation for his home. The Commission held a public hearing on February 24, 2011 and unanimously voted to recommend approval of the landmarking of the property citing that the home meets the following criteria:

A. The house on the property has been maintained to preserve the original architecture reminiscent of the early 1950s time period and is valued as an example of the architectural, cultural, economic, historic, and social aspects of life in the Village of Glen Ellyn during that time period.

B. The subject property was built in 1952 and is an excellent example of a ranch style home. The home has an inset front porch, attached garage, rectangular massing and historic 2/2 horizontal wood windows.

On March 11, 2011, with the passing of Ordinance No. 5923, the Village Board designated 671 Prairie Avenue a local Glen Ellyn Landmark. The property was included in the 2007 Architectural Resources Survey conducted by Granacki Historic Consultants. The results of the survey indicate that the home is of architectural significance. The only major project that changed the integrity of the original structure is a one story rear addition completed in 1972.

Property owner Ohlinger is requesting an alteration to his landmarked home. He is proposing to increase the size of the garage door opening by approximately 1 foot. The replacement door will either be of wood or metal material and will be painted in a color similar to the existing garage door.

Ohlinger states his final decision is to go with the wood door. It is the same door, but will be 1 foot wider than it is now.

The HPC discusses the request and reviews photos of the home. Commissioner Day motions to approve the application for an alteration to 671 Prairie Avenue; Commissioner Darga seconds the motion.

MOVE TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION FOR AN ALTERATION TO 671 PRAIRIE AVENUE

RESULT: Motion Unanimously Carried

MOVER: Commissioner Day

SECONDER: Commissioner Darga

AYES: 7

Staff Liaison Purvis states Ohlinger can come by and pick up his permit. Ohlinger thanks the HPC.

2. Information Memo: Welcome new members; Discussion of HPC goals – Chairman French welcomes 3 new members to the HPC – Commissioners John Day and Barb Lemme, and Student Commissioner Janie Blatchford. Chairman French asks the commission members to give a brief introduction.

Commissioner Lemme grew up in Glen Ellyn and graduated from Glenbard West. She was a full time faculty member of the psychology department at COD for 32 years. She is also the author of 4 psychology text books, and the owner of the small business, Sign of the Whale Antiques. She is the new president of Downtown Alliance and Citizens of Glen Ellyn, and is an active member of Save Main.

Commissioner Day has been a resident of Glen Ellyn since the early 60's; he has a background in finance and real estate and has spent 25 years in affordable housing. Previously, he was a part of the Recreation and Plan Commissions and he and his wife

own Bottle and Bottega.

Student Commissioner Jane Blatchford is a senior at Glenbard West High School; she is involved in Model United Nations, Tennis, and writes for the newspaper. She applied for the Student Commissioner position to learn more about government and Historic Preservation.

Trustee Liaison Kalinich was born and raised in Glen Ellyn and is using this opportunity to give back to the community.

Commissioner Sallwesser has been a Glen Ellyn resident for 27 years and is the founding member of Go Downtown Group. Her background is in designing retail spaces and hotels; she has designed banners for Marcel's Culinary Experience and Marche.

Commissioner Hood has been a Glen Ellyn resident for 6 years and is a Tech. Consultant. He grew up in a family that valued Historic Preservation.

Commissioner Hartweg has been a Glen Ellyn resident since 1970 and has served on several commissions and was a Trustee.

Commissioner Darga has been a Glen Ellyn resident for 10 years. He is a city planner for Romeoville and joined the commission so he can give back to his community.

Trustee Kalinich adds she appreciates the HPC's time, expertise, and their shared objective of preservation.

HPC Goals – Chairman French would like to discuss goals and priorities for the HPC from now until the end of 2022 and create a master plan of how to accomplish those goals. In particular, Chairman French would like to focus on having a bigger impact on the community by engaging a broader base of residents (see previously adopted goals attachment).

Chairman French states that the GE Historic Home Event will cover 6 of our goals (see attached handout). The whole purpose of this event is to educate and inform while maximizing impact. He asks how to get plaqued and landmarked homeowners engaged and how to tap into those who have done this before. This event is a way to gather these people together, get them involved, and allow them to gather information from one another. He asks if this event is worth doing. Lee Marks states we did something similar to this in the past and it was well received. I would suggest doing this more than once a year. The biggest confusion is the difference between Historic Plaques and Landmarked Plaques. Chairman French states the more people we get involved, the better. The HPC can become a catalyst of starting more conversations.

Commissioner Lemme states she thinks it is a great idea and would like to include commercial residents as well. She would love to be involved in the event to help collaborate with the cross groups. Commissioner Darga states that it is a good idea to do the event more frequently, but we would want to change the presentation topics and

venues. We would also need to create a specific dollar amount for such an outreach event. Staff Liaison Purvis adds that the \$1500 funding is still available since it was not used this past year due to Covid.

Commissioner Lemme states the Downtown Alliance does a scavenger hunt to engage the young families. She asks if that could be a possibility for the HPC to do. Executive Director Hall adds we did one during Covid and it was well received. Student Commissioner Blatchford states that it would be a great way to get the younger audience involved. This could be accomplished by using Instagram and Facebook as a way to reach younger people.

Chairman French thanks the HPC and states the next steps would be to come up with topics for the event.

F. HISTORICAL SOCIETY BUSINESS – Executive Director Hall reports that Staci's Tavern is celebrating 75 years. Our upcoming events are: Pioneer Day (formally Tavern Day) is September 26th, 2021. We are also having our Fall Kickoff Reception for GEHS on September 16 from 5-7p.m. and Smithsonian Museum Day on September 18 from 1-4:30p.m.

G. CHAIRMAN REPORT – None

H. VILLAGE BOARD TRUSTEE REPORT – None

I. STAFF REPORT – Staff Liaison Purvis reports we are still searching for an Associate Planner. We have interviews set up next week. We hope to have the position filled by the September meeting.

L. ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING DATE - A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Day and second by Commissioner Darga. The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Next Meeting Date is scheduled for September 16, 2021

Submitted by Elisa Pollina, Recording Secretary

Reviewed by Kelly Purvis, Staff Liaison