



Minutes
Village of Glen Ellyn
Historic Preservation
Regular Meeting
September 16, 2021
7:00PM
Glen Ellyn Historical Society

Board or Commission: Historic Preservation

Date: September 16, 2021

Meeting: Regular

Called to Order: 7:05 p.m.

Quorum: Yes

Adjourned: 8:25 p.m.

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

Penn French	Chairman	Present
Nathan A. Darga	Commissioner	Present
John Day	Commissioner	Present
Phil Hartweg	Commissioner	Absent
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:

A. CALL TO ORDER

The **September 16, 2021** regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was called to order by Chairman French at **7:05 PM** at the Glen Ellyn Historical Society.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM August 19, 2021 MEETING - Commissioner Lemme motions to approve the minutes; Commissioner Darga seconds the motion.

MOVE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING 8/19/2021

RESULT: Motion Unanimously Carried

MOVER: Commissioner Lemme

SECONDER: Commissioner Darga

AYES: 6

C. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

D. OLD BUSINESS - None

E. NEW BUSINESS -

1. *Continued discussion about Commission goals and priorities including events and outreach:* Chairman French states he has received a lot of material from Tim Loftus and is in the process of going through all of the information. He adds, there are a lot of great ideas that have come from this commission. My hope is to have a framework to discuss, prioritize, and take action. He adds Commissioner Darga had mentioned there are different ideas for different audiences. Chairman French distributes "Building a Plan around Key Audiences" to the EC. He adds, he would like to have the commissioners' feedback on these ideas.

Building a Plan around Key Audiences

1. Anyone who takes community pride in GE and appreciates its unique charm & character
2. GE residents who live in historically significant homes
3. Downtown business owners/owners of commercial buildings downtown
4. Residential Builders, Contractors, Remodelers, Architects, Real Estate Professionals
5. Developers

Chairman French asks the EC if they would like to add anything to this list.

Commissioner Sallwasser asks how the commissions and the VB can help each other to

accomplish common goals. Chairman French states we need some type of branding or marketing platform to campaign amongst all. Trustee Kalinich adds that there is a marketing person in the village who can help with that. Chairman French states we need to draw preservation and economic development into one. My hope is for this group to have more focus and coordination to create something concrete. I am looking for alignment amongst various groups.

Student Commissioner Blatchford states there is a HP group at Glenbard West High School. I can contact them to see if they would be able to take part in some of the HPC events. She adds, I am also on the board of Key Club and can get volunteers if needed.

Chairman French states youth is another great audience to add to the key audience list.

Commissioner Day asks about adding nonprofit organizations such as churches and the YMCA to the audience list. He also asks about landmarking trees. Staff Planner Purvis states there is no information on landmarking trees, but we have had questions in the past regarding awards for trees; however nothing came out of it.

Commissioner Lemme asks if it is our goal to increase awareness and appreciation of trees or is it to do something more concrete. Chairman French states it is anything that leads to more preservation.

Commissioner Darga states we can take our 10 goals (see attached goals) and plot them into one of these audiences. Much of what we do as a commission is bringing awareness and getting others interested in preservation.

Chairman French adds my hope is to increase engagement. The more people we get talking about preservation, the more people will care.

Commissioner Lemme states we should think about raising our profile in town. Perhaps we could open up a historic home for a Saturday and partner up with HSS to allow people to experience the history of the home. Staff Planner Purvis states we can't have an event like that because it needs to be in a public space for liability reasons. Chairman French states perhaps that is something the Citizens of GE could run and sponsor. These are all great ideas that will increase awareness. Staff Planner Purvis states you could volunteer for events like that, but the village can't sponsor it.

Trustee Kalinich states with respect to audience #2 (GE residents who live in historically significant homes), one of the biggest obstacles is finding out what you can do to the property with respect to modifications. When selling a home as such, this could be a deterrent for someone to buy.

Staff Planner Purvis states there resources that we can use. Surveys are a great resource. When letters go out informing residents their home is significant, we need to tell them why the home is significant. Also, we could add a section to the letter that informs the resident on what they can do to the home that is landmarked.

Executive Director Hall states that often times people will intentionally landmark their home so changes in the future cannot be made.

Chairman French states I would like to do an analysis of landmarked homes to see if they lost or gained value.

Goals: Commissioner Day states that in 13 years GE will be 200 years old. One of our goals could be to have 200 properties that are significant by that date. Commissioner Lemme states another goal could be to get 200 attendees to an event. The HPC likes the idea of getting 200 homes/buildings landmarked by GE's 200th birthday.

Executive Director Hall states she would like to see an elevator installed in the museum for those in wheelchairs who attend. That could be a specific goal and there has to be a grant available for that.

Chairman French states I will add the additional groups/audiences we spoke about to the list. I also think a branding campaign that holds everything together will be good. The next step is to take some of the goals and tactics and sort them into the audience group.

F. HISTORICAL SOCIETY BUSINESS – Pioneer Day at Stacy's Tavern is Sunday, September 26 from 1-4:30. Emmet Till: Spark of the Modern Civil Rights Movement event is Saturday, October 2 starting at 2 p.m. It is a free event to learn more about Till's story.

G. CHAIRMAN REPORT – None

H. VILLAGE BOARD TRUSTEE REPORT – Trustee Kalinich states the building board of appeals had their initial meeting. One of their big projects is to update building codes. The contractors and architects will be invited in to share what is working well and what is not. It would be good if someone from the HPC could attend that meeting.

The Architectural Review will be a committee or commission; it has not been fully decided yet, more information to follow.

Chairman French thanks Historical Society Director Hall for hosting tonight's meeting.

I. STAFF REPORT - None

J. ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING DATE - A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Lemme and second by Commissioner Darga. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Next Meeting Date is scheduled for October 21, 2021

Submitted by Elisa Pollina, Recording Secretary

Reviewed by Kelly Purvis, Staff Liaison