



Minutes
Village of Glen Ellyn
Historic Preservation
Regular Meeting
March 17, 2022
7:00PM
Glen Ellyn Civic Center, 535 Duane St

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

Date: March 17, 2022
Called to Order: 7:03 p.m.
Adjourned: 9:13 p.m.

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

Penn French	Chairman	Present
Nathan Darga	Commissioner	Present
John Day	Commissioner	Present
Phil Hartweg	Commissioner	Present
Ian Hood	Commissioner	Absent
Barb Lemme	Commissioner	Present
Lisa Sallwasser	Commissioner	Present

Also Present:

Kelly Purvis	Village Planning Manager	Present
Taylor Gendel	Associate Planner- Staff Liaison	Absent
Karen Hall	Executive Director of the Historical Society	Present
Kelley Kalinich	Trustee Liaison	Present
Elisa Pollina	Recording Secretary	Absent
Jane Blatchford	Student Member	Absent

Public Present:

A. CALL TO ORDER

The **March 17, 2022** regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was called to order by Chairman French at **7:03 PM** at the Glen Ellyn Civic Center.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

C. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM February 17, 2022 MEETING

MOVE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING 2/17/2022

RESULT: Motion Unanimously Carried

MOVER: Commissioner Lemme

SECONDER: Commissioner Darga

AYES; French, Darga, Lemme, Day, Hartweg, Sallwasser

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. *Discussion of Preservation Month Event* – May event is booked for May 12th at 7:00 pm at the boathouse. Update to the event, Chairman French has asked Lara Ramsey to attend the event to kick-off the meeting. Chairman French indicated that in terms of the panel, we have a commitment from the Dawson's to participate. He noted, they have won two awards and have also been landmarked, so have good preservation experience. Chairman French suggested making the event feel like a “mini-conference” and noted a need for a PowerPoint presentation. Chairman French indicated that everyone he has spoken with seems to think that the panel concept is a good idea. Chairman French cross checked our landmark list with a list of our Historic Annual award winners to identify some other panelists that might have an interesting story. Chairman French is going to pull together some topics for discussion prior to the next meeting. He indicated that the Commission will want to identify questions that help keep the conversation interesting.

It was discussed that refreshments should be available at 6:30pm with the presentation/panel discussion to begin at 7:00pm. With Ramsey Historical Consultants kicking off the meeting, the Commission discussed maybe only needing 2 panel speakers instead of 3. Chairman French noted, we have reached out two other potential panelists and are awaiting a response. It was suggested that Ramsey Historical Consultants could present for about 20-30 minutes to begin the meeting then move in to “real life examples” from the panelists. The

overarching theme of the event will be “preserve, restore and renovate your historic property”.

There was some discussion by the Commission of a creating a takeaway bag with helpful handouts. Chairman French, volunteered to be the panel moderator for the event. Each panelist could give a little background about their property, followed by Chairman French asking some specific questions of each property owner. The Commission indicated they want it to be more of an interactive discussion than a formal presentation. It was suggested that the panelists could come to the April meeting to discuss their story and have the Commission help select the questions to ask at the event. The Commission discussed whether they would still hold the May 19th meeting since the event is on May 12th. The Commissioners were in favor of meeting to discuss the annual awards on May 19th. The Commission discussed a tentative timeline for the May event:

1. Chairman’s Welcome - Introduce Commission and staff, give an overview of the agenda.
2. Ramsey Historical Consultants (20-30 minutes) – may review the Village’s Architecture Resource Surveys or speak about another related preservation topic (undecided).
3. Panel discussion – Chairman French will facilitate Q&A after each homeowner shares some background.
4. Following panel discussion, leave a little bit of time for people to talk and ask questions.

The Commissioners discussed what should be included in the letter invite to the homeowners and how the room should be set up for the event. There was brief discussion related to refreshments and the budget for the event. Commissioner Day suggested that we have name tags for the event. Chairman French indicated that he wants to give some thought to printing out home photos on the name tags. It was decided that the title of the event will be “How to preserve, restore and renovate your historic home!”

2. Briefly discussed replacement of historic windows and resources for property that wish to do so. Chairman French suggested that we compile resources to be added to the Village web page. Commissioner Lemme suggested that Citizens for Glen Ellyn Preservation is a great resource for property owners that wish to restore/replace historic windows.

F. NEW BUSINESS - None

G. HISTORICAL SOCIETY BUSINESS – Director Hall reports the upcoming events for the HSS.

Soaring Foundation’s spring equinox ceremony, Sunday, March 20, 2022, 11am at Churchhill Woods Forest Preserve

H. CHAIRMAN REPORT – No report

I. VILLAGE BOARD TRUSTEE REPORT – Trustee Kalinich shared that the Village has established a new AAC. Information about the new Commission is posted on the Village website. Applications for Commissioners are being requested at this time. Planning Manager Purvis reviewed the make-up of the commission and types of projects they would review. Trustee Kalinich provided a brief update on the hotel site properties. She made a point to mention that there is some misinformation going around on social media channels that a decision has been made regarding the best use for the site. She indicated that the Village has not made any decisions related to the site. She noted, we have hired a consultant to provide up to 5 possible uses for the site. The goal is to have the potential uses identified by the end of the summer. An ad-hoc committee was established on Monday to help facilitate community input related to the project. Trustee Kalinich shared an update on the upcoming housing study and policy. She indicated that the VB approved a consultant on Monday night. She provided a brief overview of what the study will provide.

J. STAFF REPORT – Chairman French asked for an update on the US Bank site. Planning Manager Purvis indicated that the Village has not received a formal application regarding the project yet. It is still in the preliminary discussion process at this time. Chairman French asked if plans had been changed to incorporate the Commission's feedback. Planning Manager Purvis responded that the plans had been revised slightly but would need to be reviewed by the new AAC as part of the formal review process.

K. ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING DATE – A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Day and Commissioner Lemme seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

MOVE TO ADJOURN THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION MEETING 3/17/2022

RESULT: Motion Unanimously Carried

MOVER: Commissioner Day

SECONDER: Commissioner Lemme

AYES: French, Darga, Lemme, Day, Hartweg, Sallwasser

The next HPC meeting will on April 21, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by Kelly Purvis, Planning Manager

Reviewed by Taylor Gendel, Staff Liaison