

MINUTES

BOARD/COMMISSION: Historic Preservation

DATE: 1/18/18

MEETING: Regular

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:04 p.m.

QUORUM: Yes

ADJOURNED: 8:40 p.m.

LOCATION: Glen Ellyn Civic Center

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT: Chairman Marks, Commissioners Darga, Loftus, Manak, Vavra and Veum-Welsh

EXCUSED: Commissioners Christiansen and Dieter

ALSO PRESENT: Associate Village Planner Purvis, Glen Ellyn Historical Society Executive Director Hall; Recording Secretary Solomon; Resident Billy Welsh

1. Call to Order

Chairman Marks called the Glen Ellyn Historic Preservation Commission regular meeting to order at 7:04 p.m., in the Civic Center at 535 Duane Street, Glen Ellyn, Illinois.

Chairman Marks welcomed Billy Welsh in the audience, son of Commissioner Veum-Welsh.

2. Public Comment

None

3. Approval of December 21, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Manak asked for a spelling correction for a sentence under #4A

A motion was made by Commissioner Manak and seconded by Commissioner Loftus to approve the amended minutes of December 21, 2017. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

4. Old Business

A. Preservation Month Event

Chairman Marks stated he spoke to Ramsey Historical Consultants regarding a presentation at the boathouse during preservation month.

Commissioner Manak referred to the email memo he passed out about possible ideas for a May Historical Preservation event that came from Lara Ramsey. Commissioner Manak stated the tentative date for this event is Thursday, May 17, 2018, at the Lake Ellyn Boathouse. Associate Village Planner Purvis stated she did reserve the Boathouse tentatively for this date.

Commissioner Manak stated Lara Ramsey would possibly be a speaker at this event with other speakers as well. Commissioner Manak stated in Ms. Ramsey's email, she suggests reaching out to Landmarks Illinois to see if their staff might participate in this event. Chairman Marks stated he would reach out to Lisa DiChiera.

Commissioner Vavra asked if the results of the next architectural survey would be available by this event date. Associate Village Planner Purvis stated the results would not be available at that point. Commissioner Vavra stated it would be good if the Ramseys could discuss anything that might have come up during their research for this survey. Commissioner Manak stated he would ask Lara Ramsey if they can do this.

Commissioner Manak asked if the Citizens for Glen Ellyn Preservation would be involved as well. Chairman Marks stated he would talk to Chris Wilson with the Citizens group to see if this group would like to be involved with this event.

Commissioner Manak asked if there are any omissions or anything else that should be included aside from what was suggested in the email. Commissioner Veum-Welsh asked if plaques would be discussed. Chairman Marks stated that the different plaques used in Glen Ellyn could be a side bar discussion and include information about the difference between the two (landmark plaques versus Glen Ellyn Historical Society plaques).

Chairman Marks asked if the Glen Ellyn Historical Society (GEHS) would participate too. Chairman Marks stated the GEHS members could speak about the GEHS plaques that have been given out so far and possibly have a one-page handout on this.

Commissioner Manak stated the Village should go back to the homes that only have a GEHS plaque and make these homeowners aware that their homes could be landmarked as well. Chairman Marks stated a mailing was done at one point to all GEHS-plaquet homeowners, but another mailing should be done. Chairman Marks stated these homeowners should definitely be invited to the May event.

Commissioner Veum-Welsh asked about advertising for the event. Chairman Marks stated the event should be advertised in the newspapers such as the Daily Herald and the Chicago Tribune, and an article in the newspaper would be good too. Chairman Marks stated the event should be in the Village newsletter as well. Associate Village Planner Purvis stated she thought Commissioner Christiansen had mentioned having a contact at the Daily Herald. Chairman Marks stated posters should be put around the Village, and the event should be advertised on the Village's electronic sign board. Associate Village Planner Purvis stated the Village's Communications Coordinator has committed to advertising this event through multiple venues.

Commissioner Manak stated an invitation letter should be sent to the homeowners who have a GEHS plaque and then followed up with a personal visit to give informational materials to these homeowners about landmarking. Chairman Marks asked GEHS Executive Director Hall for an updated list of homes with a GEHS plaque. Ms. Hall stated she would have the addresses, but not necessarily the current homeowners' names. GEHS Executive Director Hall stated there are over 100 addresses on this list. Associate Village Planner Purvis stated they would need to look up the addresses on the County's website to see who the current homeowners are.

On a side note, Associate Village Planner Purvis stated the Village's Communications Coordinator is also looking for a list of addresses of notable homes built in the Village that were built by famous architects. Commissioner Loftus stated he will look in his database for this information.

Associate Village Planner Purvis referred to a Staff Memo in the packet and stated the May Preservation events were narrowed down to two events during last month's discussion. Associate Village Planner Purvis stated the two events will be the educational presentation by Ramsey Historical Consultants and the Taste of Glen Ellyn Historic Preservation Booth with the coloring contest.

Chairman Marks stated in the past, the grade school children would do a walking tour through the historic district on Main Street and identify different architectural pieces on homes and buildings. Chairman Marks stated this might be a good idea for a future event and asked if the GEHS had this in their files somewhere. GEHS Executive Director Hall stated she had not seen this item in the files, but she would ask the GEHS members about this.

Chairman Marks suggested the HPC do a booth at the Art Show by Lake Ellyn in August too.

Commissioner Loftus stated he talked to Deputy Police Chief Bob Acton about possible historic pictures at the Glen Ellyn Police Department. Commissioner Loftus stated Deputy Chief Acton said they would be putting up pictures but did not know when. Commissioner Loftus stated GEHS could find old pictures of the Village and Police Department. Commissioner Loftus said he wanted to present many pictures to Deputy Chief Acton and then let him choose depending on the space available. GEHS Executive Director Hall asked Commissioner Loftus to let her know what pictures she should look for.

Chairman Marks directed the conversation back to the preservation month events and stated there should be posters done for both the educational event and the coloring contest.

Chairman Marks stated something should be done for the school-aged children for the State of Illinois' Bicentennial this year.

Commissioner Manak asked what the budget is for these events. Associate Village Planner Purvis stated they will need to put together a proposal that would include the costs for refreshments, the Ramseys' fee, the cost of a booth at the Taste and prizes for the coloring contest. Associate Village Planner Purvis stated there will be no fee for the Boathouse use.

Commissioner Vavra suggested getting an existing or incoming business to sponsor the refreshments at the educational event. Commissioner Vavra stated they should get the business community involved in this event. Associate Village Planner Purvis stated she is not sure if they can do this, but she will look into this as an option. Associate Village Planner Purvis asked GEHS Executive Director Hall how much the refreshments were at the reception held in the fall. GEHS Executive Director Hall stated the refreshment cost were around \$500.

Commissioner Loftus stated there should not be too many speakers at the educational event as the event will be very long. Commissioner Darga stated each speaker should give a five-minute, high-level overview. Commissioner Loftus asked how long this event should be. Commissioner Darga suggested 90 minutes for the speakers and 30 minutes for networking and refreshments. Commissioner Veum-Welsh stated there should be a break in the middle of the presentations.

Chairman Marks stated they should have Landmarks Illinois do a Suburban Alliance meeting in Glen Ellyn, and he will call Lisa Dichiera at Landmarks Illinois about this.

Chairman Marks stated the Commissioners should email Associate Village Planner Purvis with any other ideas that come up before the next meeting.

Commissioner Darga stated it would be good to have someone at the educational event who has been through the process of altering a landmarked property.

Commissioner Manak asked for a copy of the revised ordinance with the criteria for landmarking. Associate Village Planner Purvis stated she would get it in the packets for the next meeting.

Associate Village Planner Purvis stated the budget proposal should be for a budget not to exceed \$1,000. Chairman Marks asked if they could serve alcohol. Associate Village Planner Purvis stated she will check, but they may then have to pay a fee to use the Boathouse if alcohol is served, and there could be liability issues as well.

GEHS Executive Director Hall stated if they are advertising the educational event, they might need to have servers for the alcohol as well as liability insurance.

Commissioner Manak asked if they had enough time to advertise the May events. Chairman Marks said he thinks so, but they do need to design a poster soon. Associate Village Planner Purvis stated Communications Coordinator Plahm has offered to do the posters for the events.

Commissioner Darga stated they will need to decide who mans the booth and what the size of the booth would be. GEHS Executive Director Hall stated there is a charge for non-profits to have a booth at the Taste.

Associate Village Planner Purvis stated the McKee Preservation Group is trying to get up and going, and it might be good to partner with Linda Gilbert to assist with these efforts. Chairman Marks stated he would contact Ms. Gilbert.

5. New Business

A. 2017 Preservation Award Discussion

Commissioner Marks passed out a flyer about a vintage farmhouse that is for sale in the Village and stated this home was rehabbed nicely. Associate Village Planner Purvis reminded everyone that anyone can nominate a home. Commissioner Loftus stated the home is at 454 Hill Avenue, and there will need to be research done to see which award this could be nominated for.

Commissioner Veum-Welsh stated there is a home at 580 Lakeview Terrace, on the north side of the street between Forest and Park. Commissioner Veum-Welsh stated this is a GEHS plaqued home, and the homeowners did extensive restoration that was completed in Fall 2017. Associate Village Planner Purvis asked for Commissioner Veum-Welsh to submit before and after pictures of the home and a project description with a nomination form for the project.

B. Historic Preservation Goals, 2018 – Discussion

Associate Village Planner Purvis referred to the Staff Memo regarding Historic Preservation Commission Goals and stated she thought it was relevant to revisit the goals selected for 2017 which were finalized last March. Associate Village Planner Purvis stated she summarized a few goals that are more action-oriented and were not accomplished in 2017.

1. Pursue economic incentives for owners of local landmarks.

Commissioner Veum-Welsh stated Trustee Senak mentioned about the possible creation a façade program for residential.

Commissioner Manak stated there is an issue of no landmarking applications being submitted. Chairman Marks stated they need to publicize local landmarking more as people are unaware this program is available.

2. Continue to encourage Landmarking of Village residences and commercial buildings by generating ongoing print and media coverage to promote local landmark designations and follow up with direct mailings and neighborhood meetings for possible designees.

Commissioner Vavra stated the #2 bullet point and #6 bullet point seem most important. Commissioner Manak stated his home is landmarked, and he would be happy to talk to anyone about landmarking.

3. Explore the establishment of local Glen Ellyn Landmark Districts on Hillside in the block east of Main Street, and east of Main Street near the intersection of Forest and Anthony.

Chairman Marks stated there was a group of residents who might want to do this. Commissioner Loftus stated there needs to be 66 2/3 % agreement for a Historic District to be approved. Chairman Marks stated it would be good to have a coffee with the residents in one of the resident's homes to discuss this possibility. Chairman Marks stated he will check in on this.

4. Work more closely with the Chamber of Commerce and other downtown groups to actively promote Glen Ellyn History and Stacy's Tavern Museum to the benefit of all.

Chairman Marks stated he is going to talk to the Chamber as they have a list of things to see in the Village, and the Historical Center and Stacy's Tavern are not on this list. Chairman Marks stated he feels the Chamber is missing an opportunity to merchandise and market the Village. Chairman Marks stated

there is not much ever in print either. Associate Village Planner Purvis stated it would be good to have a representative from the HPC at Chamber meetings to be more involved and active and possibly act as a liaison.

6. Historical Society Business

Glen Ellyn Historical Society (GEHS) Executive Director Hall passed around the newest GEHS newsletter and reviewed the coming programs:

1. The History of the Chicago Auto Show by Mitch Frumkin – Saturday, January 20, 2018 at 2p.m.
2. Billy the Barber's Mirror: Reflecting on William de Fleurville's Friendship with Abraham Lincoln; an Untold Lincoln Story by Glennette Tilley Turner – Saturday, February 3, 2018 at 2p.m.
3. I Spy: Secrets of Secret Writing from Caesar through the Civil War – Saturday, February 10, 2018 at 2 p.m.
4. Maria Callas, portrayed by Maria Boundas Bakalis – Saturday, March 3, 2018 at 2 p.m.

GEHS Executive Director Hall stated the History Center's renovations are just about done, and they hope to have an Open House soon. GEHS Executive Director Hall stated the GEHS does have a liaison to the Chamber.

7. Chairman's Report

Chairman Marks referred to the home listing page and letter he passed out and stated he did send the letter to the realtor, thanking her for her help in saving the vintage farmhouse that is for sale.

Chairman Marks stated there is going to be an article on Stacy's Tavern in the April 2018 issue of "Early American Life Magazine."

8. Village Board Trustee Report

None

9. Staff Report

None

10. Confirmation of Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

Chairman Marks stated the next meeting will take place on Thursday, February 15, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

With no further business, Chairman Marks asked for a motion of adjournment. A motion was made by Commissioner Manak and seconded by Commissioner Vavra to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Submitted by:

Debbie Solomon, Recording Secretary

Reviewed by Kelly Purvis, Staff Liaison