



Minutes
Village of Glen Ellyn
Historic Preservation
Regular Meeting
August 18, 2022
7:00PM
Glen Ellyn Civic Center Room 306

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

Date: August 18, 2022
Called to Order: 7:01 p.m.
Adjourned: 8:50 p.m.

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

Penn French	Chairman	Present
Nathan Darga	Commissioner	Present
John Day	Commissioner	Present
Donna Leak	Commissioner	Present
Barb Lemme	Commissioner	Present

Also Present:

Taylor Gendel	Associate Planner	Present
Karen Hall	Executive Director of the Historical Society	Present
Kelley Kalinich	Trustee Liaison	Absent

Public Present:

Robert Margetts		
David Schlembach		

A. CALL TO ORDER

The August 18, 2022 regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was called to order by Chairman French at 7:01 PM at the Glen Ellyn Civic Center.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

C. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MAY 19, 2022 MEETING

MOVE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING 5/19/2022

RESULT: Motion Unanimously Carried

MOVER: Commissioner Lemme

SECONDER: Commissioner Darga

AYES: French, Darga, Lemme, Day, Leak, Lemme

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. *Recap of Historic Preservation Awards* – Chairman French states we presented 4 awards – Restoration of the Year, Remodel of the Year, Streetscape Compatibility of the Year and Architectural Details of the Year. We were very pleased to award these and this encourages preservation.

F. NEW BUSINESS -

1. Welcome & New Member Introductions – Chairman French welcomes the new commissioners to the HPC and asks the new and existing HPC commissioners to introduce themselves.

Donna Leak states she has lived in GE for 4 years, is a retired attorney and Cook County prosecutor. She loves to travel and has 2 adult sons. She is looking forward to serving on the commission because she loves history.

Robert Margetts states he is a lifelong GE resident, a business systems analyst for an industrial hose manufacturer. He loves history and wants to help preserve Glen Ellyn.

David Schlembach states he is an architect. He moved to GE 3 years ago. His love for preservation started in college where he graduated from University of Illinois and took a class in architecture history which ended up being his favorite subject. He lived in Quincy (known for its residential architecture) for 35 years. He served on the Quincy preservation commission, plan commission and school board. He likes history which is why he wants to serve on the commission.

Nathan Darga states he is a city planner for Romeoville and has been a GE resident for 10 years. He has been on the HPC since 2015.

Barb Lemme states she grew up in GE, raised her family in Wheaton and moved back to GE in 2003. She was a psychologist and a full-time faculty member at COD for 32 years. She is on the board for Citizens for Glen Ellyn Preservation; and was actively involved in Save Main. She is the President of the Downtown Business Alliance and a small business owner in Glen Ellyn. This was a natural extension of her background and is honored to be on the commission.

John Day states he has a background in real-estate and was on the planning commission about 20-30 years ago. He has been on the HPC for 1 year. He has lived in GE for nearly 60 years. He and his wife own a business called Bottle and Bottega.

Chairman French states he has a marketing and advertising background and is in the real-estate business. He has been a GE resident since 2007. He works with clients and builders and tries to encourage his clients if they are going to do a teardown, to try not to do a cookie cutter house. He also loves history and enjoys being on the HPC and working with such a great team. He appreciates what staff is doing to support the commission. The commission has been given more opportunities to weigh in on new developments especially when they are in historical districts. Our time here is the legacy of stewarding for future generations.

2. Priority and Goals for Next Fiscal Year – Chairman French distributes a handout to the HPC (A Quick Summary of about the Charter - see attached). French reviews the handouts with the HPC. He states we want to continue to encourage and recommend landmarking. There are only 37 landmarked homes out of a potential of 526. The 526 homes came from an architectural resource survey that can be found on Glen Ellyn's website. These homes are significant or deemed as potentially significant. As a commission, we have an opportunity to landmark more homes. We also review permit applications for those residents who want to restore or remodel their landmarked home. We want to be a resource and partner to those homeowners. We also want to build awareness in community and be an inspiration and resource for homeowners. Chairman French asks the HPC if there are any categories missing from this list. He adds we want to get the homeowners talking to each other for referrals. Director Hall states we can also direct them to the Illinois Historical Landmarked & Historical Society websites for referrals. Chairman French states we want to be able to give our residents shareable content.

Commissioner Lemme asks can we do something to acknowledge those homes that were not torn down and are being preserved. Perhaps we can do a monthly preservation update in the newsletter or on our page.

Commissioner Darga states award applications can also come from Commission members as well as homeowners and builders. That would be a way to acknowledge the residents who preserve.

Chairman French asks is there somewhere where the annual awards are shared. Staff Liaison Gendel states yes, a flyer has been created for the most recent awards. They are

also on the website and will go into the village newsletter.

2nd handout (Previously adopted goals) – August meeting 2021 – Chairman French briefly reviews the handout with the HPC and asks the HPC to think about these goals and we will circle back again in October with more details.

Commissioner Day suggests doing the Boathouse event again next year. Chairman French adds we should find a way to follow-up with those residents who attended our initial boathouse event and consider doing it again. Perhaps we could have the award recipients from the prior year be a panelist, as well as freshen up the content for the event by offering new topics.

Chairman French asks about the budget for next year. Staff Liaison Gendel states she will put in a budget request for \$500 (same as the prior year).

Chairman French states between now and the next meeting perhaps each commissioner can do some research on what neighboring communities (St. Charles, Elmhurst, and Geneva) are doing with historic preservation.

G. HISTORICAL SOCIETY BUSINESS – Director Hall reports on the HSS upcoming events. August begins the Historical Society Mum fundraiser – Orders can be placed online. September 17 @ 4:30– Chicago’s Lost Department Stores
October 1 @ 2:00 – Glenbard Centennial – GBW historic society 100 years in the building.

H. CHAIRMAN REPORT – No report

I. VILLAGE BOARD TRUSTEE REPORT – No report

J. STAFF REPORT – Staff Liaison Gendel reports at the September meeting there will be a public hearing for 567 Taylor Avenue for landmarking status. The owner of 535 N. Park who initially wanted to de-landmark her home in order to replace the windows has not given us an update on the windows. She did however contact me about the detached deck. She wanted to know if the deck was also landmarked with the home because she would like to make some changes to the deck. I informed her that accessory structures are not part of the landmarked house. I told her it was ok to make the changes.

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 8:50 p.m. Next Meeting date – September 15 at the Historical Society - 800 N. Main Street.

Submitted by Elisa Pollina, Recording Secretary

Reviewed by Taylor Gendel, Staff Liaison