



Minutes
Village of Glen Ellyn
Historic Preservation
Regular Meeting
November 17, 2022
7:00PM
Glen Ellyn Civic Center Room 306

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

Date: November 17, 2022
Called to Order: 7:03 p.m.
Adjourned: 8:12 p.m.

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

Penn French	Chairman	Present
Nathan Darga	Commissioner	Absent
John Day	Commissioner	Absent
Donna Leak	Commissioner	Present
Barb Lemme	Commissioner	Present
Robert Margetts	Commissioner	Present
David Schlembach	Commissioner	Present

Also Present:

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

Public Present:

A. CALL TO ORDER

The November 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 OCTOBER 20, 2022 MEETING

MOVE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING 10/20/2022

RESULT: Motion Unanimously Carried

MOVER: Commissioner Schlembach

SECONDER: Commissioner Margetts

AYES: French, Lemme, Leak, Margetts, Schlembach

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussion on planning a historic house walk – Chairman French reports there has been some great ideas for the house walk. Thank you to Director Hall and the Historical Society for graciously considering hosting the house walk. Hall reports that the HSS Board of Directors met last night and they are cautiously optimistic about hosting. They have 2 concerns. First, Pioneer Day is 2 weeks before the house walk and they want to make sure there are enough volunteers for both events. The second concern is the potential costs and how much we need to contribute upfront. They think it is a great idea and they feel it can happen. Once the organized meetings start in January, hopefully their concerns will be put to rest. Director Hall asks in terms of when the committee can meet, it can be either day or night. Chairman French states he would like the HPC to be involved in the meetings and have a commissioner on each of the committees if possible.

Chairman French reviews the Glen Ellyn Historic Home Tour – October 2023 (see attached handout). He reviews the benefits, responsibilities and roles of the HPC, the HSS and the GEHS for the event. He adds October 14 will be the target date for the event. Director Hall adds we will identify steering committees and work from there.

Commissioner Leak adds with respect to the speaker presentation, perhaps we can offer the presentation a few times during the day of the house walk.

Commissioner Lemme adds I am really excited about this collaboration. It's a great model. One of the resources we can provide is the volunteers. Citizens of Glen Ellyn might be helpful with the selection of the homes.

Chairman French reviews the October 2023 Historic Home Tour: Getting Started with the HPC (see attached handout). The following was discussed: Securing a date (October 14) Developing a theme – picking a specific style of home (such as Sears homes), neighborhood/district, or notable architect, roles and responsibilities, committees

needed, speakers, and ensure village backing. Director Hall adds these are all the things the steering committees will decide on.

Chairman French states the May event can tie in the house walk. He asks Staff Planner Gendel to reserve the boathouse for the May event. Commissioner Lemme adds perhaps we can recognize our annual award recipients at this event.

F. NEW BUSINESS -

1. Chairman French reports there was an article in Crain's Chicago Business titled *Hinsdale, 'poster child for teardowns,' tries to make preservation pay*. Hinsdale is now creating overlap districts and incentives not to tear down homes. Forty percent of the home stock in Hinsdale has been torn down over the past 50 years. There are a variety of incentives now being offered if a homeowner remodels or adds an addition instead of tearing down such as:

1. A 5 year property tax rebate given.
2. Offering a matching grant for remodel costs.
3. Permit fees waived.
4. Offering variances for lot coverage

Chairman French states he will reach out the Hinsdale HPC to get more information and will report back. He asks the HPC to read the article and email Staff Planner Gendel with questions so a list can be compiled before he speaks with Hinsdale.

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

December 3 – A Victorian Christmas Celebration Dinner: A GEHS Fundraiser 5:00 pm.
The unveiling of the iconic Glen Ellyn Letters are now at the Historical Society. Please stop by and see them. The artist did a great job. They will be a traveling art instillation. They will be moved to the Civic center on December 3.

January 7 - Andrew Carnegie and His Gospel of Wealth 2:00 p.m.

January 10 – Researching Your Civil War Ancestry: On Zoom 7:00 p.m.

January 14 – Chicago's Historic Motor Row District – 2:00 p.m.

February 4 – Grave Robbing 101: An Adam Selzer Program – 2:00 p.m.

H. CHAIRMAN REPORT – No report

I. VILLAGE BOARD TRUSTEE REPORT – No report

J. STAFF REPORT – Staff Liaison Gendel reports we have a landmark application for 335 N. Main Street (received the Restoration of the Year award in 2020 & 2021). We can have the public hearing at the December 15 meeting.

K. ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING DATE – A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Schlembach and Commissioner Margetts seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Submitted by Elisa Pollina, Recording Secretary

Reviewed by Taylor Gendel, Staff Liaison