



Minutes
Village of Glen Ellyn
Historic Preservation
Regular Meeting
October 20, 2022
7:00PM
Glen Ellyn Civic Center Room 306

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

Date: October 20, 2022
Called to Order: 7:03 p.m.
Adjourned: 9:03 p.m.

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

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

Also Present:

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

Public Present:

Ian & Liz Dawson	Glen Ellyn Residents	

A. CALL TO ORDER

The **October 20, 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 SEPTEMBER 15, 2022 MEETING

MOVE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING 9/15/2022

RESULT: Motion Unanimously Carried

MOVER: Commissioner Lemme

SECONDER: Commissioner Darga

AYES; French, Darga, Lemme, Day, Leak, Margetts, Schlemback

E. OLD BUSINESS - None

F. NEW BUSINESS -

1. Laying the Groundwork for a Historic House Walk – Chairman French states we would like to build some momentum from our boathouse event. If we do another event in May it could be a stepping stone to a house walk which may take a few years to plan. Chairman French distributes a handout to the HPC titled House Walks Planned & Hosted by Citizens for Glen Ellyn Preservation (see attached). French reviews the attachment with the HPC. Chairman French introduces Liz Dawson, former chair of the Historic House Walk in Glen Ellyn as well as former CEO of the Wright Plus House Walk in Oak Park where she served for several years. She is here tonight to share her knowledge of house walks with us. Dawson states the Wright Plus House Walk is a massive event in Oak Park that raised \$250,000 and had 3200 visitors from all over the country. There are 10 houses in the Wright Plus House Walk. She adds before setting up a house walk you need to determine the following:

- Mission – what are you trying to do and promote
- Home selections
- Research on homes – which will be used when the house is presented on the walk.
- Logistics – how to get people there and the many volunteers needed for the event
- Orientation center – a designated place/center for meet and greet

Dawson adds this is a big undertaking and if the HPC would like to do this you may consider partnering with various organizations.

Chairman French adds we could partner with Citizens of Glen Ellyn Preservation and the Historical Society. French asks the HPC if this is something they would be interested in doing. The HPC says yes.

Historical Society Director Hall states if the HPC is looking for something to promote, the HSS is looking to add an elevator to Stacy's Tavern. The cost to do this is \$100,000. That could be a great way to kick off the fundraising with an event like this partnering with the historic groups in GE.

Commissioner Lemme adds I love that idea; it also raises the visibility of this commission. We can choose 2 or 3 houses and Stacy's Tavern.

Director Hall adds the museum could be the anchor orientation center. There could be refreshments and there are a lot of homes in walking distance that could be featured. Chairman French adds we can also promote attendees going into town for lunch.

Commissioner Lemme adds we could also include a historic downtown building into the walk. There may be restrictions on planning this because we are a governmental entity. Commissioner Darga states that is why you would partner with other groups. The Historical society has the membership, sponsorship, awareness and mission. The Citizens of GE has the membership and mission and the HPC has the mission.

Chairman French asks the HPC if we should continue to explore this event. The HPC states yes. French states we will target this event for fall 2024.

Chairman French thanks Ian and Liz Dawson for attending.

- G. HISTORICAL SOCIETY BUSINESS** – Director Hall reports on the HSS upcoming events.
November 12 - Christmas at Marshall Fields – 2:00 pm
December 3 – A Victorian Christmas Celebration Dinner: A GEHS Fundraiser 5:00 pm

- H. CHAIRMAN REPORT** – No report

- I. VILLAGE BOARD TRUSTEE REPORT** – Trustee Kalinich reports the village is committed to reviewing the comprehensive plan and having it completed by the end of the year. The board would like to include historic recognition to this plan. We want to add a section about adaptable reuse. Some of the buildings would be eligible for grant opportunities if they were to add an additional story. Perhaps we can have the HPC review the comprehensive plan and provide feedback and suggestions. Trustee Kalinich will provide an electronic copy of the comprehensive plan to the HPC and the commissioners can add their comments on a google doc.

- J. STAFF REPORT** – Staff Liaison Fard reports properties 504 Crescent and 411 Main are both tabled and are going back the Architectural Appearance Commission.

- K. ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING DATE** – A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Day and Commissioner Schlembach seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Submitted by Elisa Pollina, Recording Secretary

Reviewed by Taylor Gendel, Staff Liaison