



Minutes
Village of Glen Ellyn
Historic Preservation
Regular Meeting
January 26, 2023
7:00PM
Glen Ellyn Civic Center Room 306

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

Date: January 26, 2023
Called to Order: 7:00 p.m.
Adjourned: 8:51 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:

Taylor Gendel	Associate Planner	Present
Kelley Kalinich	Trustee Liaison	Present
Elisa Pollina	Recording Secretary	Present

Public Present:

Ray Whalen	GE resident and Luxury Home Builder	Present

A. CALL TO ORDER

The January 26, 2023 regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was called to order by Chairman French at 7:00 PM at the Glen Ellyn Civic Center.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

C. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Chairman French states on Monday the Village Board approved landmarking 335 N. Main Street. The plaque was presented to Justin Cafferty.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 15, 2022 MEETING

MOVE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING 12/15/2022

RESULT: Motion Unanimously Carried

MOVER: Commissioner Lemme

SECONDER: Commissioner Darga

AYES; Darga, Lemme, Leak, Margetts, Day, Schlembach

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. *Update & next steps for planning Historic House walk for October 2023.* Chairman French states he met with Interim Historical Society Director Sara Grabenhofer to discuss moving forward with the Historic House walk. The main concerns the HSS have with the house walk is having enough volunteer help and what the upfront costs would be. They do not want to lose money. The target date for the house walk is October 14, 2023. The next steps are putting together a steering committee and assigning positions. Chairman French asks the HPC to start thinking about a list of names for the steering committee.

Commissioner Lemme asks if the HSS will be doing the research on the homes. Chairman French states yes.

Trustee Kalinich suggests adding vintage cars as part of the event. These cars could be used to transport attendees to the homes. The owners of the cars could give the history of their car as they are transporting the attendees. The HPC likes this suggestion and will consider this for the house walk event.

2. *Speaker options and topics for Boathouse event May 11, 2023* - The HPC discuss speaker candidates for the Boathouse event in May. Chairman French suggests Bob Yapp who is from “This Old House” as a potential speaker. Yapp is known for saying “preservation doesn’t cost, it pays”. Commissioner Schlembach suggests having a topic on windows, doors and tuck pointing. Chairman French states he will reach out to Bob Yapp and asks the HPC to think about other potential speakers.

F. NEW BUSINESS -

1. *Discussion for Annual Historic Preservation Awards* – Staff Planner Gendel states the updated nomination application is on the website. Communications Coordinator Paplauskas has created a new poster to promote the Annual Historic Preservation

awards.

2. *Exploring suite of incentives to encourage remodeling vs tearing down to present to Village Board for Consideration* – Chairman French states he spoke with President Senak regarding incentives to encourage remodeling homes over tearing down and he would like the HPC to do an analysis on this topic and present it to the board. French adds Hinsdale has put some incentives in place; I will reach out to my counterpart in Hinsdale to see what they are doing.

Commissioner Lemme asks are most teardowns initiated by residents or builders. Ray Whalen, luxury home builder in Glen Ellyn, states 90% are homeowners choosing to tear down.

Commissioner Margetts states perhaps we should invite builders and realtors to the boathouse event to also educate them on preservation.

Commissioner Day asks if Historic Preservation is included in the Comprehensive Plan. Trustee Kalinich states yes.

G. HISTORICAL SOCIETY BUSINESS – No report

H. CHAIRMAN REPORT – No report

I. VILLAGE BOARD TRUSTEE REPORT – Trustee Kalinich reports the Comprehensive Plan completion date has been modified. We are looking to complete this in 4-6 weeks. The draft will be available tomorrow or Saturday. On Monday the Village Board will go the Comprehensive plan one last time. We will share the document with the HPC and you can share your comments with Staff Planner Gendel.

J. STAFF REPORT – No report

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 8:51 p.m.

Submitted by Elisa Pollina, Recording Secretary

Reviewed by Taylor Gendel, Staff Liaison