



Minutes
Village of Glen Ellyn
Historic Preservation
Regular Meeting
February 15, 2024
7:00PM
Glen Ellyn Civic Center Room 306

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

Date: February 15, 2024
Called to Order: 7:06 p.m.
Adjourned: 8:12 p.m.

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

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

Also Present:

Mike D'Onofrio	Interim Building Official	Present
Jordan Frahm	Associate Planner	Present
Jeff Anderson	Historical Society	Present
Kelley Kalinich	Trustee Liaison	Present
Elisa Pollina	Recording Secretary	Present

Public Present:

A. CALL TO ORDER

The February 15, 2024 regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was called to order by Chairman French at 7:06 PM at the Glen Ellyn Civic Center.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

C. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Chairman French extends a warm welcome to Jordan Frahm, Associate Planner and new staff liaison to the HPC. Frahm introduces himself, sharing that he most recently served as the regional planner in SE Iowa. Originally from Rockford, he attended the University of Illinois and holds a master's degree in public policy from DePaul University.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 18, 2024 MEETING

MOVE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING 11/16/2023

RESULT: Motion Unanimously Carried

MOVER: Commissioner Lemme

SECONDER: Commissioner Day

AYES: French, Leak, Lemme, Day, Margetts, Schlembach

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. *Annual Historic Preservation Awards* – Frahm updates the commission on preservation award nominations, noting that they have received two nominations thus far. He reminds everyone that the deadline for nominations is April 30th.

2. *Review goal setting for 2024* – The HPC revisits the goals discussed during last month's meeting. Chairman French provides an update on efforts to secure speaker for the May event, focused on Sears homes. He mentions awaiting a response and confirmation of a fee for the service. The event may be held at the boathouse on either May 9th or May 16th, pending availability. Budget inquiries follow, with Trustee Kalinich confirming that the budget remains unchanged from last year at \$500.00 and indicates the village's openness to approving additional budget if needed. Historical Society Director Anderson offers alternative speakers and venue options if needed. Discussion shifts to the goal of involving younger generations in preservation, particularly through house walks and heritage tours, which require a significant number of volunteers. Chairman French proposes exploring a partnership with the Newcomers Club, a group of women in their 20s and 30s interested in social events and fundraising. This partnership could raise awareness and engage new volunteers, serving as a valuable initiative for 2025. The Chairman seeks feedback from the HPC, with Commissioner Lemme expressing support for involving younger individuals in preservation efforts. Chairman French then asks the HPC if they approve the goals presented (see attached).

Commissioner Day motions to adopt the 2024 goals as presented; Commissioner Margetts seconds the motion.

MOVE TO ADOPT THE 2024 GOALS

RESULT: Motion Unanimously Carried

MOVER: Commissioner Day

SECONDER: Commissioner Margetts

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

3. *Discussion of possible economic incentive packages to encourage (historic home) remodeling* - Chairman French emphasizes the importance of ensuring that the Economic Incentive Program addresses a genuine problem. He seeks real data to support the initiative, emphasizing the need for evidence-based decision-making. Staff Liaison D'Onofrio suggests pulling the number of demolitions per year to provide a starting point for discussion which staff can do. Commissioner Lemme highlights the importance of anticipating future challenges, even if there isn't a significant problem currently. Staff Liaison D'Onofrio agrees to have staff pull this data.

F. NEW BUSINESS - None

G. HISTORICAL SOCIETY BUSINESS – Jeff Anderson updates the HPC on the upcoming events at the Historical Society:

February 24 – 2:00-3:00 - The Great Migration and the Great War

March 2 – 2:00 Women Spies in World War II: The Women of the SOE

March 23 – Behind the Stars: The Remarkable Women who Helped Build Chicago by Laurie Russell

The sidewalk plaques in the Central Business District are going strong with 29 set to be installed.

A book documenting the restoration of Stacey's Tavern is currently being compiled by Lee Marks.

H. CHAIRMAN REPORT – Chairman French proposes that the HPC issue a proclamation in honor of the passing of James Manak, a longtime member of the Historic Preservation Commission. The HPC considers the idea of naming a preservation award after him for 2024. Chairman French will draft the proclamation for review.

Commissioner Lemme inquires if the HPC members would be willing to volunteer their time to the Citizens of Preservation, aiding in the distribution and removal of yard signs for significant homes. The HPC expresses interest in assisting, and Commissioner Lemme will have Chris Wilson reach out to Chairman French for further coordination.

Commissioner Day provides an update regarding the library's potential allocation of space for the HPC. Currently, they are in the process of running the proposal through their chain of command, and is awaiting their response.

- I. VILLAGE TRUSTEE REPORT** – Trustee Kalinich reports that there are no updates regarding the collaboration between the Architectural Appearance Commission and the Historic Preservation Commission.

There will be a board meeting on February 26 to discuss potential agreements for the sale of the Roosevelt Road property.

- J. STAFF REPORT** – Staff Liaison D’Onofrio updates the HPC, informing them that Associate Planner Jordan Frahm will now serve as the staff liaison to the commission. He mentions that while he will still be available to assist in the transition, he may not be present at future meetings. D’Onofrio expresses gratitude to the HPC for the opportunity to work with them, stating it was a pleasure to be part of the commission.

- K. ADJOURNEMENT & NEXT MEETING** - A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Leak and Commissioner Lemme seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Next meeting – March 21, 2024

Submitted by Elisa Pollina, Recording Secretary

Reviewed by Jordan Frahm, Staff Liaison