



Minutes  
 Village of Glen Ellyn  
 Historic Preservation  
 Regular Meeting  
 April 17, 2025  
 7:00PM  
 Glen Ellyn Civic Center

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

**Date:** April 17, 2025  
**Called to Order:** 7:00 p.m.  
**Adjourned:** 8:17 p.m.

**MEMBER ATTENDANCE:**

Penn French	Chairman	Present
Nathan Darga	Commissioner	Present
Donna Leak	Commissioner	Present
Barb Lemme	Commissioner	Present
Robert Margetts	Commissioner	Absent
Jeremy Schletz	Commissioner	Absent
Zak Wilson	Commissioner	Present

**Also Present:**

Jordan Frahm	Associate Planner	
Gary Fasules	Village Trustee	
Jeff Anderson	GE Historical Society	
Ian Dawson	GEHS Researcher	
Elisa Pollina	Recording Secretary	

**Public Present:**

Chris Wilson	537 Phillips, GE	
Donna & Brian Carroll	214 Forest Avenue	
Matt Habeer	131 N. Park Blvd	
Ray Whalen	P.O Box 3380, GE	
Leslie Beck	486 Anthony	
Lily O'Reilly	289 Elm	
Nina Hikooic	1566 Dundee Drive	
Colton Hart	530 Wilshire Ave	
Tim Loftus	296 Woodstock Ave	

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The April 17, 2025 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. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MARCH 20, 2025 HPC MEETING**

MOVE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF HPC MEETING OF 3/20/2025

RESULT: Motion Unanimously Carried

MOVER: Commissioner Lemme

SECONDER: Commissioner Wilson

AYES: 5

**D. NEW BUSINESS**

1. 2025 Historic Preservation Commissioner Annual Awards - Chairman French shared that the Commission received 11 nominations this year—the highest number in the 24-year history of the awards. There are four award categories: Remodel of the Year, Restoration of the Year, Streetscape Compatibility, and Architectural Details of the Year. Each category has distinct criteria, primarily focused on the home's exterior.

Chairman French explained the award process, noting that the HPC has the flexibility to move nominations between categories as appropriate. While the goal is to recognize one winner per category, co-winners or honorable mentions may also be awarded. The Commission will deliberate on the nominations and make formal recommendations and motions during this evening's meeting. Final approval will take place at the May Village Board meeting in celebration of Preservation Month, where certificates will be presented to the award recipients.

Associate Planner Frahm presented the 2025 Historic Preservation Award nominations to the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC). The presentation included detailed background information and before-and-after photographs for each nominated property.

A total of eleven project nominations were received across three award categories:

Remodel of the Year: 486 Anthony Street, 338 Cottage Avenue, 716 Crescent Boulevard, 766 Hillside Avenue

Restoration of the Year: 830 Crescent Boulevard, 214 Forest Avenue, 738 May Avenue, 285 N. Main Street

Streetscape Compatibility of the Year: 735 Forest Avenue, 504 Hawthorne Boulevard, 675 Revere Road

The Commission reviewed each nomination and the specific criteria for each award category. As part of the review process, the HPC agreed to reassign certain properties to more appropriate categories based on the scope and nature of the work completed. They decided properties 716 Crescent Blvd. and 285 N. Main

should be considered for Architectural Details of the Year; and property 830 Crescent Blvd. should be considered for Streetscape Compatibility of the Year.

Commissioner Lemme motioned to award the following properties:

- 486 Anthony Street as Remodel of the Year, with honorable mentions to 766 Hillside Avenue and 338 Cottage Avenue
- 214 Forest Avenue and 738 May Avenue as co-winners for Restoration of the Year
- 504 Hawthorn Boulevard and 830 Crescent Boulevard as co-winners for Streetscape Compatibility of the Year, with honorable mentions to 675 Revere Road and 735 Forest Avenue
- 716 Crescent Boulevard as Architectural Details of the Year, with an honorable mention to 285 North Main Street

Commissioner Darga seconded the motion.

**E. OLD BUSINESS** – None

**F. HISTORICAL SOCIETY BUSINESS** – Jeff Anderson from the Glen Ellyn Historical Society provided several updates. He noted that the home at 142 Crest has been plaqued with two additional homes being plaqued next week. A McKee House fundraiser will take place on April 26.

*Upcoming events*

May 31, 2025- Leslie Goddard: Remembering Route 66 - 2:00 pm

June 7, 2025 - Glen Ellyn Vintage Auto Fest 2025 at 10:00 am and Presenting...

Chicago's Historic Motor Row District 1:00 pm

September 18 – The HPC is invited to hold their September meeting at the GE History Center for Fall Fest.

Chris Wilson from Citizens of Glen Ellyn Preservation provided an update on the distribution of 300 yard signs to homes identified as historically significant. She is seeking volunteers to assist with the distribution effort and noted that the program originally launched in 2003.

**G. CHAIRMAN REPORT** – Chairman French provided an update on the incentives program, noting that it is actively moving forward and timelines are currently being developed. The item will be revisited at the May meeting. Jordan will present a memorandum summarizing last month's discussion, along with proposed cost-sharing guidelines for the HPC's review and approval.

- H. VILLAGE BOARD TRUSTEE REPORT** – Trustee Fasules reported that the Village Board approved the community gardens at Ackerman Park during Monday's meeting.
- I. STAFF REPORT** – Frahm announced that the Village will officially launch its new online permitting system tomorrow. Moving forward, paper applications will no longer be accepted.
- J. ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING DATE** – Commissioner Darga motioned to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Lemme seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m. The next HPC meeting is May15, 2025.

**Submitted by Elisa Pollina, Recording Secretary**

**Reviewed by Jordan Frahm, Staff Liaison**