

MINUTES

BOARD/COMMISSION: Historic Preservation

DATE: 3/15/18

MEETING: Regular

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:09 p.m.

QUORUM: Yes

ADJOURNED: 8:20 p.m.

LOCATION: Glen Ellyn Civic Center

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT: Chairman Marks, Commissioners Darga, Dieter, Loftus and Vavra

EXCUSED: Commissioners Christiansen, Manak and Veum-Welsh

ALSO PRESENT: Associate Village Planner Purvis, Village Trustee Senak, Recording Secretary Solomon

A. Call to Order

Chairman Marks called the Glen Ellyn Historic Preservation Commission regular meeting to order at 7:09 p.m., in the Civic Center at 535 Duane Street, Glen Ellyn, Illinois.

Associate Village Planner Purvis stated there is not a quorum as of yet so nothing can be voted on until a quorum is present.

B. Public Comment

None

C. Approval of February 15, 2018 Meeting Minutes

This was tabled until the next meeting on April 19, 2018, as there was not a quorum present.

D. Old Business

1. Preservation Month Event

Associate Village Planner Purvis distributed packets of homes that were listed in the Architectural Surveys and stated these homes were considered either Significant (S) or Potentially Significant (PS). Associate Village Planner Purvis asked the Commissioners to drive-by these homes and ensure the homes in the pictures still look the same as the current home. Associate Village Planner Purvis stated these homes will be used to create the guest list for the May Preservation Event. Associate Village Planner Purvis stated Glen Ellyn Historical Society (GEHS) Executive Director Hall will be giving the Village a list of the current GEHS-plaqued homes as well for the guest list.

Associate Village Planner Purvis stated she spoke with Glen Ellyn Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Dawn Smith, and Ms. Smith said there would be no booth available for the coloring contest judging at the Taste of Glen Ellyn. Associate Village Planner Purvis stated the Taste of Glen Ellyn will be Thursday, May 17th through Sunday, May 20th. Associate Village Planner Purvis stated there may possibly be a non-profit booth at the Taste. Associate Village Planner Purvis stated another option is that the HPC members volunteer at the community stage tent on Saturday, May 19th and Sunday, May 20th from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and then the Chamber would allow a table of literature to be set-up and the coloring contest could be judged in this tent.

Associate Village Planner Purvis stated she discussed possible prizes for the coloring contest with Planning and Development Director Hulseberg, and she suggested prizes from the History Center store would be a good idea. Associate Village Planner Purvis stated she spoke with GEHS Executive Director Hall about this, and Executive Director Hall said they could get 10% off the purchase of the prizes and would speak to the History Center store manager about this.

There was a discussion about the age groups for the coloring contest, and it was decided there would be two age groups: 3-6 year olds and 7-12 year olds. It was also decided that 1st, 2nd and 3rd place would be awarded in each age group.

Commissioner Dieter entered the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

2. 2017 Preservation Awards Discussion

Associate Village Planner Purvis stated she did receive another nomination so there are four total nominations as of now. Associate Village Planner Purvis stated the newest nomination is a Renovation of the Year Award for the red Victorian on Pennsylvania Avenue. Chairman Marks stated this home renovation was well done. Associate Village Planner Purvis stated they will be putting up a flyer in the Planning

and Development Department to advertise the awards. Associate Village Planner Purvis stated the HPC would need to vote on the awards at the June meeting as the May meeting will be the Preservation Event at the Lake Ellyn Boathouse.

3. Historic Preservation Brochures

Associate Village Planner Purvis stated the staff has received permission from all the property owners featured in the brochure and will have printed brochures available at the April 19th meeting.

Associate Village Planner Purvis stated she showed the brochure to a builder and asked the builder where it would be good to have these brochures. Associate Village Planner Purvis stated the builder said at the Planning and Development counter would be good, and he would think about where else might be good.

E. New Business

1. March Information Memo

Associate Village Planner Purvis stated guest speaker Former Village President Frank Weidner could not make this meeting so he should be at the April meeting.

Associate Village Planner Purvis stated Mr. Weidner would like to speak about the history and evolution of the Glen Ellyn Civic Center and the renovation and reuse of the building as Village Hall.

Associate Village Planner Purvis stated the February newsletter from the Northern Illinois Historic League was included in the HPC's packets.

The other items on the memo were discussed previously in the meeting.

F. Historical Society Business

Chairman Marks stated Glen Ellyn Historical Society (GEHS) Executive Director Hall could not make the meeting and directed the Commissioners to the Historical Society's website for a list of upcoming events.

Trustee Senak stated he stopped in to the History Center last weekend, and the completed renovation was well done.

G. Chairman's Report

Chairman Marks stated he spoke with Lisa DiChiera with Landmarks Illinois, and Ms. DiChiera said she would definitely like to do a meeting at Glen Ellyn's History Center in September. Chairman Marks stated he will speak with GEHS Executive Director Hall

regarding two to three dates that might work and then communication these to Ms. DiChiera. Chairman Marks stated Ms. DiChiera would possibly like the topics of the McKee House and teardowns in Glen Ellyn on the agenda for this proposed meeting.

H. Village Board Trustee Report

Trustee Senak stated the Zoning Board of Appeals recently recommended variances be approved, and the petitioners had expressed the possibility of keeping the historic character of the properties intact.

Trustee Senak stated liquor sales at the French Market have now been approved for Sunday mornings, and Nobel House will be applying for an Interior Façade Award.

Trustee Senak stated the Village Board will be discussing zoning ordinances at the Monday, February 19th Workshop. Trustee Senak stated the Board will be discussing the height of buildings in the downtown and encourage the Commissioners to attend and voice their comments on this. Trustee Senak stated the surrounding communities have maximum heights from anywhere from 35 feet tall to 70 feet tall.

There was a discussion on the height of buildings in downtown Glen Ellyn. Associate Village Planner Purvis stated any commercial or mixed-use buildings in the downtown have the same height restriction, but residential is different.

Commissioner Dieter stated downtown Glen Ellyn has survived through many recessions and is still doing well. Commissioner Dieter stated he does not understand why they are looking to change the downtown. Trustee Senak stated this is to promote economic development, and it would be a good idea to have some residential development in the downtown as well.

There was a discussion about downtown Glen Ellyn and what other communities have done. Trustee Senak stated statistics show that communities with the highest densities have lower retail sales per capita.

Commissioner Loftus stated he spoke at the Village Workshop in February and suggested to the Village Board that if they do build a parking garage to be respectful of the historic character of downtown Glen Ellyn and the historic districts. Commissioner Loftus stated he was downtown the last two weekends and did not have a problem finding parking. Commissioner Dieter stated the recent survey that Glen Ellyn did shows that residents are overwhelmingly satisfied with the Village, and he does not see the need for a parking garage.

Chairman Marks stated there are bad potholes on Western Avenue in the southbound lanes between Marion and Linden and Geneva and Pennsylvania. Trustee Senak sent a note to Village Manager Franz and Public Works Director Hansen about this.

Commissioner Loftus stated he has heard complaints about the Bucky's development as heavy trucks and machinery are being used at 6:00 a.m.

Trustee Senak stated he did distribute the "Early American Life" magazine article on Stacy's Tavern to the Village Board.

I. Staff Report

Items were discussed previously in the meeting.

J. Confirmation of Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

Chairman Marks stated the next meeting will take place on Thursday, April 19, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

With no further business, Chairman Marks asked for a motion of adjournment. A motion was made by Commissioner Vavra and seconded by Commissioner Dieter to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Submitted by: Debbie Solomon, Recording Secretary

Reviewed by: Kelly Purvis, Staff Liaison