

## GLENCOE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2013 MEETING MINUTES

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The May 7, 2013 meeting of the Glencoe Historic Preservation Commission was called to order at 7:33 p.m. in the Conference Room.

*The following members were present:* 

Chairman Tom Scheckelhoff, Diane Schwarzbach, Peter Van Vechten, and Rod Winn

The following members were absent:

John Eifler

*The following staff was present:* 

Nathan Parch, Planning & Development Administrator

### 2. CONSIDER THE APRIL 2, 2013 MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the April 2, 2013 Historic Preservation Commission meeting were approved.

#### 3. **PUBLIC COMMENT TIME**

- a) Polly Heavenrich, 961 Bluff Road, was in attendance to discuss her concern about the loss of the existing home next door at 985 Bluff Road and the change in neighborhood character that will result from construction of three new homes on the property. Members of the Commission explained their concerted attempts to encourage preservation of the home given its non-landmark status and given the lack of response from the property owner.
- b) 35 Aspen Lane Laurie Gross and Patrick O'Rourke, of Coldwell Banker, were in attendance to discuss the Howard Van Doren Shaw home originally designed for Benjamin Bensinger in 1908. They explained that the property was recently listed with their company for 5.5 million dollars and that it would be marketed for renovation and not demolition or subdivision. Mr. O'Rourke explained that the current owners recently invested \$50K in improvements to the property to prepare it for listing, however major renovation remains for a future buyer. It was noted that the owners do not have a specific timeframe for the property to be sold.

- c) Chairman Scheckelhoff read an email he received from outgoing Village President Scott Feldman thanking members of the Commission for their service during his tenure.
- d) Bob Sideman noted that Landmarks Illinois would be hosting a lecture at 12:15 p.m. on May 16<sup>th</sup> at the Chicago Cultural Center about the recently completed architectural survey for River Forest.----

#### 4. CONSIDER ADDITIONS TO HISTORIC ARCHITECTURAL SURVEY LIST

Mr. Parch reviewed a series of slides with photos and additional information for the following properties:

- 1) 160 Euclid Avenue
- 2) 165 Franklin Road
- 3) 375 Palos Road
- 4) 195 Fairview Road
- 5) 210 Hazel Avenue
- 6) 635 Sheridan Road

Mr. Parch explained that the slides comprised a combination of properties previously identified by the Historical Society and by Scott Javore solely for their association with a notable person. At the April 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting Commissioners agreed to consider additional information – photos, architect, construction date, original owner, historical info - about the properties/structures before making a final determination on whether or not to add them to the Historic Architectural Survey List. No final decisions were made.

Commissioners also discussed whether the Historic Architectural Survey was the appropriate listing for notable people who have lived in and/or visited homes in Glencoe (actors, politicians, professional athletes, authors, artists, etc.) or whether an independent listing of this information should be separately maintained. It was agreed that the Historical Society was the appropriate organization to retain this information.

### 5. CONTINUE DISCUSSION OF RAVINE BLUFFS HISTORIC DISTRICT

No report

#### 6. **STANDING PROJECTS**

a) Ravine Bluffs Entry Sculpture - Mr. Parch noted that Andrew Smith, of Smith Art Conservation, was in Glencoe April 22-24 to perform several tests and mock-ups in order to determine the most appropriate products and methods to be implemented during the restoration stage of the entry sculpture located at 205 Franklin Road. Mr. Smith provided a summary of the testing phase work in a report dated April 26, 2013. Mr. Parch stated that the restoration work would take place in early June.

# 7. "INQUIRIES" AND DEMOLITION APPLICATIONS

Commissioners reviewed a demolition application for 10 Maple Hill Road and decided to take no further action.

Commissioners reviewed a demolition application for 231 Woodlawn Avenue and decided to take no further action.

# 8. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.