



GLENCOE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2014 MEETING MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The October 7, 2014 meeting of the Glencoe Historic Preservation Commission was called to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Room.

The following members were present:

Chairman Tom Scheckelhoff, John Eifler, and Peter Van Vechten

The following members were absent:

Diane Schwarzbach and Rod Winn

The following staff was present:

Nathan Parch, Planning & Development Administrator

2. CONSIDER THE AUGUST 5, 2014 MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the August 5, 2014 Historic Preservation Commission meeting were approved.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

Greg Turner and Bob Sideman were in attendance.

Commissioner Van Vechten shared a voicemail he received from Mike Miller, who noted that he grew up in the house at 135 Maple Hill Road, and who noted that the house was designed by Burnham & Root with interiors designed in part by Frank Lloyd Wright Studios. Mr. Miller was concerned that the Village may be unaware of this significance given the house's pending demolition. Commissioners reviewed photos of the interior details that were posted on the Murco Recycling architectural salvage website. After further review of the art glass windows, Commissioners Eifler and Van Vechten felt strongly that they were not Wright designs.

Mr. Parch reported that the Village Board approved two properties as Certified Landmarks on August 21, 2014: (1) the Ross House at 1027 Meadow Road designed by Frank Lloyd Wright in 1914; and (2) the Davis House at 470 Vernon Avenue designed by Dennis Blair in 1958. Both were approved pursuant to the revised historic preservation regulations.

4. **DISCUSS ANNUAL PRESERVATION AWARDS PROGRAM**

Mr. Parch noted that Commissioners previously identified 13 projects as finalists for participation in the 2014 awards program. He then reviewed a list of additional projects to consider should the Commission decide to expand the initial scope of the program. Commissioners agreed not to increase the number of finalists. It was also agreed to postpone the awards program until May 2015.

5. **REVIEW STATUS OF HISTORIC ARCHITECTURAL SURVEY LIST**

Commissioners continued their discussion of the Historic Architectural Survey project, a listing of 300+ structures that includes Certified Landmarks, Honorary Landmarks, and those properties noted for their historic and architectural significance. Promotional plans for the Survey were reviewed as well. The following items were also discussed:

A) **Schedule Walking Tour of Business District** – Two possible dates were identified – Saturday, October 25th and Saturday, November 1st – both at 9:00 a.m. It was agreed that Mr. Parch would notify Commissioners of the selected date.

B) **Promotional Brochure** – A final draft of the brochure was reviewed and approved. It was agreed that the QR code should be added back to the front page and the “current” house photo retaken when there are less leaves on the large front yard tree.

Bob Sideman suggested developing a separate logo/identifier to distinguish each of the survey properties from everything else. Several Commissioners felt that an extra logo could be confusing in addition to the Commission’s current logo.

C) **Village Website** – Commissioners discussed a go-live date of January 1, 2015. It was agreed that a mockup would need to be reviewed and approved in advance.

6. **STANDING PROJECTS**

A) **Ravine Bluffs Entrance Feature Monuments** – Commissioners reviewed a proposal from Smith Art Conservation for the restoration/repair of Monument 3 located at 277 Sylvan Road. Mr. Parch explained that staff has included \$30,000 in the FY2016 preliminary budget for the restoration effort. Work on Monument 3 is expected to take place in June 2015.

Mr. Parch reported that he clarified with Andrew Smith that future applications of the waterproofing sealant need to be completed every 10 years. Mr. Parch also shared Mr. Smith’s recommendation that the Monument 3 planter openings (sphere and lower rectangular basin) be covered and secured for winter with metal flashing, plexiglass, or an equivalent rigid surface that can resist heavy moisture and snow.

B) **Ravine Bluffs Centennial Celebration 2015** – Several Commissioners had questions about the status of plans and expressed concerns about the number of attendees expected for the house walk. Greg Turner agreed to relay the concerns to the Glencoe Historical Society.

- C) **National Register Nominations** - Commissioners reviewed a letter to Village President Levin from Andrew Heckenkamp, National Register Coordinator with IHPA, regarding a pending National Register nomination for the Jesse L. Strauss Estate at 110 Maple Hill Road. It was agreed that Mr. Parch would prepare a letter to Mr. Heckenkamp, on behalf of the Commission, supporting the nomination. Chairman Scheckelhoff agreed to contact the property owners.

7. **"INQUIRIES" AND DEMOLITION APPLICATIONS**

Commissioners reviewed a September 16th zoning inquiry from realtor Linda Fink regarding maximum building square footage for her listing at 335 Park Place. The existing Ira P. Weinstein house was designed by George F. & William Keck in 1952. The house is listed on the Village's Historic Architectural Survey, but is not a landmark. Mr. Parch relayed that following his communication with Ms. Fink she removed the information from her listing description about new construction.

Commissioners reviewed a September 26th zoning inquiry from architect Charles Cook, of Cook Architectural Design Studio, Inc., for a new single-family house at 35 Aspen Lane. The existing Benjamin E. Bensinger house was designed by Howard Van Doren Shaw in 1908 and remodeled by Samuel Marx in 1936. The house is listed on the Village's Historic Architectural Survey, but is not a landmark. Commissioners discussed initiating the landmark nomination process at the November meeting. It was agreed that Mr. Parch would prepare the nomination form on behalf of the Commission. Mr. Parch also agreed to contact Landmarks Illinois to inquire about assistance.

Commissioners reviewed a demolition application for 515 Longwood Avenue and decided to take no further action.

Commissioners reviewed a demolition application for 273 Old Green Bay Road and decided to take no further action.

Commissioners reviewed a demolition application for 330 Brookside Lane and decided to take no further action.

Commissioners reviewed a demolition application for 1178 Carol Lane and decided to take no further action.

Commissioners reviewed a demolition application for 434 Adams Avenue and decided to take no further action.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:02 p.m.