

# GLENCOE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2014 MEETING MINUTES

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

The February 4, 2014 meeting of the Glencoe Historic Preservation Commission was called to order at 7:40 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 JANUARY 14, 2014 MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the January 14, 2014 Historic Preservation Commission meeting were approved.

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

Bob Sideman was in attendance.

#### 4. REVIEW STATUS OF HISTORIC ARCHITECTURAL SURVEY LIST

- A) Master List Residential Only Mr. Parch reported that he and Bob Sideman continued to work together on finalizing edits. Mr. Sideman shared how he used phone and address directories from 1904 through 1939 to identify the original owner for each address and the owner's occupation. Mr. Sideman also stated that the "Notes" column would identify, for those properties listed, the founders and past presidents of the Village Board, Library Board, Park Board, New Trier Board of Education, Skokie Country Club, and Lake Shore Country Club.
- B) Recommended Properties List Residential Only No update
- C) Non-Residential List Commercial, Public, & Religious Buildings and Other Structures/Landscapes Mr. Parch distributed the Non-Residential List and clarified

that the properties included were directly from the Heritage List. Additionally, Mr. Parch distributed an aerial photo of the downtown business district that highlighted those properties the Historic Preservation Commission identified as architecturally significant in 2007. Former Commission member Ed Goodale provided the information.

#### 5. CONSIDER HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT

The 2013 Annual Report was approved subject to a few additions. It was agreed that Mr. Parch would note that an awards program was not held in 2013 due to the limited number of eligible projects. Additionally, Mr. Parch would note the anticipated outreach efforts planned for the Historic Architectural Survey List.

### 6. DISCUSS COMMISSION GOALS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2014

Mr. Parch discussed adding the updated Historic Architectural Survey List to the Village's website. Mr. Parch noted that he was working with the Village's GIS Specialist on an initiative to make the property information and photos interactive through Esri Story Map software.

Commissioner Van Vechten suggested reviewing the available information, format, and navigation of the City of Chicago Landmarks website.

Commissioners agreed that notifying realtors about the updated Historic Architectural Survey List should be the first priority in terms of community outreach and education.

Mr. Sideman suggested that a brochure be developed to assist in the outreach efforts of the Historical Architectural Survey List. He offered to contact resident and Historical Society Board Member Evey Schweig who may be of assistance.

## 7. STANDING PROJECTS

A) Water Plant – Mr. Parch noted that he spoke to Water Plant Superintendent Tom Weathers about an early evening weekday tour. Commissioners stated their preference for a Saturday morning tour if possible. Mr. Parch agreed to inquire further.

Mr. Parch distributed the following materials:

- June 11, 1992 ordinance establishing the beach house, halfway house, and approaches located at 38 Park Avenue/101 Hazel Avenue as a designated landmark;
- Landmark application materials for beach house, halfway house, and approaches;
- Historic Preservation Commission meeting minutes from April 27, 1992 and June 1, 1992; and
- September 1998 draft nomination form for Illinois Park Recreation Assn. (IPRA) Outstanding Facility Award for the beach house renovation.

Mr. Parch reported that the beach house, halfway house, and approaches were together designated a landmark by the Village Board in 1992 at the request of the Park District. The structures are located on property owned by the Park District and were

designated in advance of a major renovation to the beach house. Mr. Parch noted that the April and June 1992 meeting minutes did not record discussion of the water plant.

## 8. "INQUIRIES" AND DEMOLITION APPLICATIONS

Commissioners reviewed a demolition application for 630 Stonegate Terrace and decided to take no further action.

Commissioners reviewed a demolition application for 135 Maple Hill Road. Mr. Parch explained that the property is listed on the current Historic Architectural Survey as:

Address: 135 Maple Hill Road (Original address 900 Sheridan Road)

Historic Name of Structure: Allen G. Mills

**Style:** Arts & Crafts **Architect:** Unknown

**Construction Date:** 1910 (Noted incorrectly as 1924 on survey)

Notes: Mr. Mills was a lawyer, served as Village President from 1913-15, and served as

President of Skokie Country Club

Mr. Parch distributed copies of a March 5, 1981 letter found in the file from Ruth Mills Elwood to then owner Richard Johnson. The letter indicated that the home was built in 1910 and designed by architects Holabird & Roche. Mr. Parch noted that there were no building permit documents in the file pre-1973.

It was agreed additional investigation was needed to confirm the architect. Several volunteered and planned to forward any new information to Mr. Parch who would then share it with the Commission via email. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to the owner and buyer listed on the demolition application.

## 9. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.