



GLENCOE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 2014 MEETING MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The June 3, 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, Diane Schwarzbach, and Rod Winn

The following members were absent:

Peter Van Vechten

The following staff was present:

Nathan Parch, Planning & Development Administrator

2. CONSIDER THE MAY 13, 2014 MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the May 13, 2014 Historic Preservation Commission meeting were approved.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

Bob Sideman was in attendance.

4. MEET WITH VILLAGE PRESIDENT LARRY LEVIN

Village President Larry Levin was in attendance at the invitation of Commissioners to discuss recent events in the Village, including the water plant, 724 Vernon Avenue, and general communications between the Village Board and Historic Preservation Commission. Commissioners shared their concern about the possible demolition of historically and architecturally significant buildings within the Village, particularly the water treatment plant and the Village Board's unsuccessful effort to purchase 724 Vernon for potential redevelopment.

President Levin expounded on the water treatment plant and why the Village Board was exploring multiple options for its future. He noted that the direction given to the consultants studying the water plant was that the first priority is to consider reuse of the plant. He also shared the Village Board's position in pursuing the 724 Vernon property noting that demolition was not a foregone conclusion, but one option in which the Village residents

would weigh in. Commissioners expressed their interest and willingness to be part of the review process for future decision making related to the water treatment plant.

President Levin was in favor of strengthening the landmark ordinance. He also expressed an interest in establishing a charitable fund so that the Village could purchase significant properties if they were threatened. President Levin recognized the efforts of the Commission and thanked all members for their service to the Village.

5. **DISCUSS ANNUAL PRESERVATION AWARDS PROGRAM**

Mr. Parch summarized the discussion from the May 13th Historic Preservation Commission meeting wherein a list of eligible projects was reviewed for the 2014 Preservation Awards Program. Commissioners agreed to assist in field reviewing the projects in order to determine final eligibility. Mr. Parch stated that fieldwork assignments will be distributed within the next week. Each Commissioner will be assigned approximately 15 properties to field review, photograph, and report on at the July 1st meeting.

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

Commissioners reviewed a mock-up of the 2-sided (4" X 9") brochure prepared by graphic designer Jen Gordon and were pleased with the layout and the concept of the historic/current house photos. There was some discussion about relocating the QR code to the backside and whether or not it was needed at all. Mr. Parch agreed to follow up with Ms. Gordon.

Copies of the Non-Residential List with recent edits highlighted in yellow were distributed. Mr. Parch noted that Bob Sideman was interested in assisting with completion of this project.

7. **STANDING PROJECTS**

- A) **Ravine Bluffs Entrance Feature Monuments** – Mr. Parch noted that on May 15th the Village Board approved the agreement with Smith Art Conservation for restoration of Monuments 1 and 2 for a total cost not-to-exceed \$26,524. The contractor is expected to begin the restoration work June 23rd.

8. **"INQUIRIES" AND DEMOLITION APPLICATIONS**

Commissioners reviewed a demolition application for 500 South Avenue and decided to take no further action.

Commissioners reviewed a demolition application for the Woman's Library Club at 325 Tudor Court. Members recalled that representatives from Writers' Theatre and Studio Gang Architects attended their meeting last June to share plans for the proposed new building. It was agreed to send a letter restating the Commission's prior concern that the existing building not be demolished unless there is a full commitment to build the new theatre facility.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.