



GLENCOE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2015 MEETING MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The July 15, 2015 meeting of the Glencoe Historic Preservation Commission was called to order at 7:35 p.m. in the Conference Room.

The following members were present:

John Eifler, Diane Schwarzbach, and Peter Van Vechten

The following members were absent:

Tom Scheckelhoff, Chairman, and Rod Winn

The following staff was present:

Nathan Parch, Planning & Development Administrator

2. CONSIDER THE APRIL 14, 2015 MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the April 14th Historic Preservation Commission meeting were approved.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

Bob Sideman was in attendance.

4. REVIEW PRESERVATION AWARDS PROGRAM

Letters were mailed mid-June to the architects and homeowners of 16 completed projects, determined to be finalists for participation in the awards program, inviting submission of nomination forms. Mr. Parch reported that 15 nominations were received.

An additional nomination form was received for a new construction project at 595 Lincoln Avenue. Commissioners reviewed the background information and before/after photos and agreed to include the project as an additional finalist in the program.

Mr. Parch indicated that three judges will need to be recruited. It was agreed to hold the awards ceremony in October and the tour with judges in September. Specific dates were not determined.

5. REVIEW STATUS OF HISTORIC ARCHITECTURAL SURVEY LIST

In advance of the meeting Commissioners received a *final draft* listing of non-residential structures - specifically the commercial buildings in the downtown business district, public buildings, religious buildings, and various structures and landscapes located throughout the Village - noted for their historic and architectural significance. Historic news clippings/articles provided by Bob Sideman were also distributed for North Shore Congregation Israel #1 (840 Vernon Ave.) and the houses at 1 Glade Rd. and 110 Maple Hill Rd.

Commissioners were supportive of the final draft listing of non-residential structures and no further revisions were noted. Mr. Parch stated that he would finalize the list and merge the properties with the list of residential properties previously approved. Mr. Parch explained that photos of the non-residential properties were still needed and will be added at a later point in time.

Mr. Parch explained that he was working with Mr. Sideman on a list of additional properties for the Commission to consider that were overlooked as part of previous survey efforts. These properties will be presented over the next few meetings. Commissioner Van Vechten asked if there were any historic trees in Glencoe. Mr. Parch agreed to inquire further with John Houde.

Mr. Parch provided a demo of the completed story map for Glencoe that will eventually be accessible via the Village's website to display the map location, photos, and historic details of properties on the list. Mr. Parch explained that additional fine tuning is still needed. Commissioners agreed that the aerial base map should be replaced with a different format.

Mr. Sideman voiced his position that the name "Glencoe Historic Architectural Survey" should be retired because it is too long and tedious and it is time for a change to something more snappy and easy to understand. He suggested simply: "Historic Glencoe." Mr. Sideman stated that he didn't think the lack of the word "architectural" in the name mattered, and "historic" also encompasses architecture. He further commented that the word "survey" conveys "a spreadsheet", which is not interesting or enticing to the general public. A shorter term is more likely to catch on locally. Commissioners were supportive of the name change.

6. STANDING PROJECTS

- A) **Ravine Bluffs Entrance Feature Monuments** - Mr. Parch reported that Smith Art Conservation was in town to perform the restoration and repair of entry monument #3 from June 22nd through July 1st. The restoration treatment included manually removing the Thorocoat covering to expose original aggregate finish, installing a newly fabricated liner and drainpipe to the spherical planter and lower planter, filling chipped corners and minor losses with custom matched concrete/aggregate blend, sealing cracks with epoxy injection, and coating the entire exterior with a waterproofing compound. In addition, repairs were made to the spherical planter and the horizontal wall element above the lower planter was formed and poured with custom matched concrete to repair the losses and cover the exposed rebar. Members of the Commission lauded the efforts of the Village Board to commit funds to the restoration and repair of all three monuments from 2013 to 2015. Commissioner Van Vechten agreed to draft a thank you letter to the Village Board on behalf of the Commission.

- B) **Water Plant** - Commissioner Van Vechten reported that he attended one of the community forums on the Water System Study, held June 8th at Glencoe Union Church. Commissioner Van Vechten reviewed five of the alternatives under evaluation as part of the study prepared by engineering firm Strand Associates. He noted that one of the alternatives - to renovate the existing building - included additions to the existing structure. He suggested that an additional alternative should be considered that would allow for retrofitting of equipment within the existing building footprint. Commissioners agreed that their role should be to advocate for preservation of the building in its current form. Commissioner Van Vechten agreed to prepare a draft letter to the Village Board voicing this position.

7. **“INQUIRIES” AND DEMOLITION APPLICATIONS**

Commissioners reviewed a demolition application for 221 Sylvan Road and decided to take no further action.

Commissioners reviewed a demolition application for 356 Brookside Lane and decided to take no further action.

Commissioners reviewed a demolition application for 334 Park Place and decided to take no further action.

Commissioners reviewed a demolition application for 95 Dell Place and decided to take no further action.

Commissioners reviewed a demolition application for 1006 Old Elm Place and decided to take no further action.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

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