

VILLAGE OF GLENCOE  
PLAN COMMISSION

Regular Meeting  
April 27, 2011

1. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Plan Commission of the Village of Glencoe, Cook County was called to order by Chairman Thomas in the Village Hall Council Chamber at 7:41 p.m. on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of April 2011.

2. ROLL CALL

The following were present:

Caren Thomas, Chairman, Public-at-Large Representative  
Larry Levin, Vice-Chairman, Village Board Representative  
Edward Chez, School District #35 Representative  
Walt Eckenhoff, Public-at-Large Representative  
Ed Goodale, Zoning Board of Appeals Representative  
Marya Morris, Public-at-Large Representative

The following were absent:

Bruce Huvad, Public-at-Large Representative  
Hilary Lee, Glencoe Park District Representative  
Stephanie Pearce, Glencoe Public Library Representative  
Tom Scheckelhoff, Historic Preservation Commission Representative

The following were also present:

David Mau, Director of Public Works  
Nathan Parch, Community Development Analyst  
Lee Brown, Village Planner, Teska Associates, Inc.  
Ben Carlisle, Village Planner, Teska Associates, Inc.

3. CONSIDER THE FEBRUARY 23, 2011 PLAN COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

The minutes from the February 23, 2011 Plan Commission meeting were approved.

4. CONTINUE REVIEW OF RESOLUTION NO. R-01-2010 DIRECTING THE PLAN COMMISSION TO REVIEW THE SUSTAINABILITY STUDY AND TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION

Chairman Thomas reported that she recently met with President Feldman, Village Manager Paul Harlow, and Community Development Analyst Nathan Parch regarding the formation of a Sustainability Working Group, which would serve as a subcommittee to the Plan Commission. The Village Board reviewed the proposal at its April 21<sup>st</sup> meeting and felt such a group would be effective in advancing sustainability initiatives in the community. The Sustainability Working Group would:

- Be an advisory committee to the Plan Commission and report directly to the Plan Commission;
- Have available time, technical expertise, and/or training needed to assist the Plan Commission in completing specific tasks such as the website project and code audit, organizing the next round of sustainability forums, and assisting with public awareness and possible demonstration projects;
- Be comprised of at least seven members with representation from the Plan Commission, School District, Park District, Botanic Garden, and at large residents; and
- Be temporary in nature with members initially serving for 12 to 18 months.

Chairman Thomas noted that the Plan Commission on its own does not have the time to fully devote to sustainability and several residents have come forward expressing an interest in getting involved with the topic. She stated that Plan Commission member Walt Eckenhoff agreed to serve as the chairman.

Village Planner Lee Brown presented a memorandum dated April 15, 2011 that raised 12 preliminary issues for the Plan Commission to consider regarding sustainability. The issues were identified following an audit of the zoning code, village code, and other municipal regulations to determine what, if any, barriers were in place that may inadvertently impede sustainable efforts. The following 12 issues were reviewed, each with a brief explanation of what it is, why it is sustainable, and how it is handled in Glencoe:

- 1) Steep Slope Ordinance
- 2) Building/Life Safety Code requirements that might hinder redevelopment or hinder new sustainable development
- 3) Construction Waste Recycling
- 4) Commercial Recycling
- 5) Pedestrian/Bicycle Network
- 6) Accessory Dwelling Units (granny flats, coach houses)
- 7) Landscape Requirements
- 8) Stormwater Best Management Practices/Green Infrastructure
- 9) Bonuses for Green Development
- 10) Small Scale Renewable Energy Systems (wind/solar)
- 11) Lighting Pollution
- 12) Parking

Members of the Plan Commission were in agreement to remove item 6 from the list due to its potential for controversy regarding density and affordable housing. It was agreed that staff would reorganize the remaining items into two categories: (1) those focused on education and public awareness; and (2) those requiring further research, evaluation, and possible code amendments.

Nathan Parch introduced Architect Nathan Kipnis and homeowners Barry and Natalie Slotnick who presented photographs and plans of the recently constructed LEED home located at 370 Washington Avenue.

## 5. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

It was noted that the matter of whether or not to permit coffee service/coffee cart at the train station was denied by the Village Board.

6. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING OF THE PLAN COMMISSION

The next meeting of the Plan Commission was scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 25, 2011.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nathan J. Parch,  
Community Development Analyst