

VILLAGE OF GLENCOE
PLAN COMMISSION

Regular Meeting
January 29, 2014

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 7:35 p.m. on the 29th day of January 2014.

2. ROLL CALL

The following were present:

Caren Thomas, Chairman, Public-at-Large Representative
Deborah Cogan, Public-at-Large Representative
Louis Goldman, Glencoe Public Library Representative
Ed Goodale, Zoning Board of Appeals Representative
Bruce Huvard, Public-at-Large Representative
Andre Lerman, Glencoe Park District Representative
Marya Morris, Public-at-Large Representative
Gary Ruben, School District #35 Representative
Tom Scheckelhoff, Historic Preservation Commission Representative

The following were absent:

Barbara Miller, Vice-Chairman, Village Board Representative

The following were also present:

Philip Kiraly, Village Manager
David Mau, Director of Public Works
Nathan Parch, Planning & Development Administrator
William Peregrine, Plan Commission Fellow
Lee Brown, Village Planner

3. CONSIDER THE DECEMBER 11, 2013 PLAN COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

The minutes from the December 11, 2013 Plan Commission meeting were approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

None

5. PRESENTATION ON THE HISTORY OF GLENCOE'S "UPTOWN"

Glencoe Historical Society board member Scott Javore lectured on the history of "Uptown" Glencoe. The presentation was divided into four sections: Early Uptown, 1869-1900; The Decades of Growth, 1900-1940; The Baby Boomers Growing Up, 1940-1980; and The "X" Generation, 1980-2012. Mr. Javore used pictures to accompany his presentation. The pictures were organized chronologically, depicting

the development of the commercial and public structures within Glencoe's Uptown. Mr. Javore overviewed past plans to rehab Uptown, including the recommendations from the 1974 Comprehensive Plan and the proposed details from the unrealized 1920's George Maher plan.

Chairman Thomas lauded the presentation. The Chairman emphasized the importance in understanding the history of Uptown Glencoe before any plans for possible renovations should be considered.

6. DOWNTOWN PLANNING 101

Village Planner Lee Brown reviewed several elements from his original Comprehensive Plan presentation from the December 11th Plan Commission meeting, zeroing in on planning for the downtown subarea. Mr. Brown explained that the downtown subarea is a focused plan within the larger framework of a comprehensive plan. According to Mr. Brown, major themes would include provisions for public participation, listing attainable and flexible goals, and also recognizing what the Village's current resources are, and devising ways to improve upon them.

Mr. Brown reviewed common elements of downtown plans and identified those features specific to Glencoe's downtown that warranted further consideration. The downtown area was depicted as the "public face" of the Village, a welcoming social center for villagers and visitors alike.

Commissioners Morris and Scheckelhoff both wondered about the potential impacts of an extended downtown area that stretches north and south of its current boundaries. Chairman Thomas agreed that potential impacts should be evaluated, and that any development should be consistent with the character and tradition of the community.

Commissioners Cogan and Morris both agreed that the 1996 Comprehensive Plan should be more visible and accessible to the public. Commissioner Morris also added that the 1996 Comprehensive Plan lacks inspiration.

7. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

8. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING OF THE PLAN COMMISSION

The next meeting of the Plan Commission was scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 26, 2014.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nathan Parch
Planning & Development Administrator

William Peregrine
Plan Commission Fellow