



MINUTES
VILLAGE OF GLENCOE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Virtual Meeting
Tuesday, October 5, 2021 – 5:30 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission of the Village of Glencoe conducted virtually in accordance with Governor Pritzker’s Executive Order 2021-23 was called to order by the Commission Chair Peter Van Vechten at 5:33 p.m. on the 5th day of October, 2021.

Prior to roll call, Chair Van Vechten stated that pursuant to recently adopted amendments to the Illinois Open Meetings Act (OMA) included in Public Act 101-0640, the Historic Preservation Commission meeting was being conducted as a virtual meeting via Zoom video conferencing software. He also stated that a quorum of members of the Commission were present via remote access and that Assistant to the Village Manager Jordan Lester was physically present at Village Hall as required by OMA.

The following Commissioners were present:

Peter Van Vechten, Chair
Erika Block
Mitchell Carrel, arrived at 5:42 p.m.
Diane Schwarzbach

The following were absent:

Dudley Onderdonk, Village Trustee

The following was also present:

Jordan Lester, Assistant to the Village Manager
John Eifler and Bonnie Phoenix: 1027 Meadow Road homeowners
Lily and Shuman Wong, Jim Vlcek and John Hanna: 243 Hazel Avenue homeowners and architects

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from the public.

3. CONSIDERATION OF COMMISSION MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 14, 2021

Commissioner Block moved, seconded by Commissioner Schwarzbach, to approve the Commission’s September 14, 2021 meeting minutes. The motion was approved with the following vote:

RESULT:	ACCEPTED
AYES:	Block, Schwarzbach, Van Vechten (3)
NAYS:	None (0)
ABSTAIN:	None (0)

ABSENT:	Carrel, Onderdonk (2)
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4. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR A GARAGE REPLACEMENT AT 1027 MEADOW ROAD

Chair Van Vechten opened the public hearing to consider a certificate of appropriateness for a garage replacement at 1027 Meadow Road. Homeowners John Eifler and Bonnie Phoenix provided the Commission with an overview of the project, noting their intent to use materials and architectural designs that are compatible with the home. Mr. Eifler stated that no zoning variations were needed for the project.

Commissioner Schwarzbach moved, seconded by Commissioner Carrel, to close the public hearing. The motion was adopted with the following roll call vote:

RESULT:	ACCEPTED
AYES:	Block, Carrel, Schwarzbach, Van Vechten (4)
NAYS:	None (0)
ABSTAIN:	None (0)
ABSENT:	Onderdonk (1)

The Commission reviewed the homeowners’ application and found that the application met the criteria specified in Village Code Chapter 26A-53(a) for a certificate of appropriateness, the proposed garage replacement does not impact the historic home, will be constructed in a manner that is compatible with the existing home and will be identical to the original garage structure.

Commissioner Schwarzbach moved, seconded by Commissioner Block, to approve a certificate of appropriateness without conditions. The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

RESULT:	ACCEPTED
AYES:	Block, Carrel, Schwarzbach (3)
NAYS:	None (0)
ABSTAIN:	Van Vechten (1)
ABSENT:	Onderdonk (1)

5. ADVISORY REVIEW OF MODIFICATIONS TO THE HONORARY LANDMARK LOCATED AT 243 HAZEL AVENUE

The Commission welcomed Lily and Shuman Wong, Jim Vlcek and John Hanna to provide the Commission with an overview of the project. Mr. Hanna detailed the Wongs’ proposed modifications, noting that the majority of the work was rehabilitation following interior water damage. Following a request from Chair Van Vechten, Mr. Hanna discussed the intended process for lower basement and bench wall excavation and spoke to soil testing, shoring and other safety measures. Chair Van Vechten also asked about second floor architectural plans, specifically the location of a walk-in closet, stating that a slightly modified design may be more amenable to long-term viability. Ms. Wong spoke to the closet’s intended location, and Chair Van Vechten thanked her for clarifying. Overall, the Commission thanked the Wongs for significantly reinvesting back into their historic home and keeping the landmark in the community for years to come.

As Commission honorary landmark review is advisory only, no action was taken.

6. FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSION OF COMMISSION PRESENTATION AT SEPTEMBER 23, 2021 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

Chair Van Vechten led Commission discussion of the September 23, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting, during which the Commission provided the Board with an introduction to the current status of historic preservation in the Glencoe community. The Commissioners reviewed Trustee feedback and discussed plans for subsequent Committee meetings. Commissioners also discussed gathering resources from Landmark Illinois and looking into the Village of Kenilworth’s preservation ordinance. The Commission decided to work on its next presentation to the Board during the Commission’s November 2 meeting.

7. OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Assistant to the Village Manager Lester reported that for the foreseeable future, Commission meetings will continue to be held virtually due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. She stated that she will continue to provide the Commission with updates as they become available.

8. ADJOURN

At 6:42 p.m., Commissioner Carrel moved, seconded by Commissioner Schwarzbach, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was adopted with the following roll call vote:

RESULT:	ACCEPTED
AYES:	Block, Carrel, Schwarzbach, Van Vechten (4)
NAYS:	None (0)
ABSTAIN:	None (0)
ABSENT:	Onderdonk (1)