

VILLAGE OF GLENCOE
PLAN COMMISSION

Regular Meeting
December 11, 2013

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 7:36 p.m. on the 11th day of December 2013.

2. ROLL CALL

The following were present:

Caren Thomas, Chairman, Public-at-Large Representative
Barbara Miller, Vice-Chairman, Village Board Representative
Louis Goldman, Glencoe Public Library Representative
Ed Goodale, Zoning Board of Appeals Representative
Bruce Huvad, Public-at-Large Representative
Gary Ruben, School District #35 Representative
Andre Lerman, Glencoe Park District Representative

The following were absent:

Deborah Cogan, Public-at-Large Representative
Marya Morris, Public-at-Large Representative
Tom Scheckelhoff, Historic Preservation Commission 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

3. CONSIDER THE SEPTEMBER 25, 2013 PLAN COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

The minutes from the September 25, 2013 Plan Commission meeting were approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

None

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPDATES

Chairman Thomas introduced new Village Manager Phil Kiraly.

Chairman Thomas announced that Deb Cogan was recently appointed to the Plan Commission as a Public-at-Large Representative.

Chairman Thomas reported that an event was held at the Art Institute in November where Writers' Theatre formally announced the launch of its \$31 million dollar capital campaign to construct a new theatre center in downtown Glencoe. The announcement included the news that donations exceeding \$22 million were already committed by 12 lead donors.

6. PRESENTATION BY VILLAGE PLANNER LEE BROWN

Chairman Thomas prefaced the presentations of Planning & Development Administrator Nathan Parch and Village Planner Lee Brown by emphasizing the importance for the Plan Commission to have a historical context of the planning history in Glencoe before commencement of a comprehensive planning update.

a. HISTORIC HIGHLIGHTS OF PLANNING IN GLENCOE

Mr. Brown opened the presentation with a timeline of local planning efforts.

Mr. Parch reviewed historic pictures spanning from 1868 to 1974 illustrating the development of the Village from its original plat and early farming roots to its fully developed condition.

Commissioner Lerman described the impact the Glencoe Park District had on the development of Glencoe. Chairman Thomas agreed with Commissioner Lerman and Mr. Parch, stressing that future planning for Glencoe rests on its historical antecedents.

b. 1996 GLENCOE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: (i) HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PLAN; & (ii) GOALS OF THE PLAN

Mr. Brown presented a PowerPoint, which reviewed the 1996 Comprehensive Plan and discussed the potential for beginning the process for a new Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Brown encapsulated the 1996 Comprehensive Plan as a focus on improving a series of strategic issues. The 1996 Comprehensive Plan's addressing specific issues rather than a larger swath was due to the lack of change in the Village since the creation of the previous 1974 Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Brown summarized the 1996 Plan, highlighting "strategic threads" from the 1996 Comprehensive Plan. These "strategic threads" were common themes that defined the document, which included: a focus on maintaining Glencoe's unique and special elements, potential areas of enhancement, and a recognition that future outside influences may be out of the reach of a local solution.

Mr. Brown continued to analyze the 1996 Plan, as well as other published literature on crafting comprehensive plans. Mr. Brown proceeded to use his examination of the documents to transition into the development of a potential new plan. Using 1996 as an example, Mr. Brown created a list of potential subjects from which the proposed plan could be framed. Mr. Brown believed that presently the Village was in a

better position to focus on more long-term plans than in 1996. After the presentation, Mr. Brown fielded questions from the Commissioners.

Commissioner Ruben queried Mr. Brown on the potential methods in creating a Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Brown explained to Commissioners the details of potential methods for crafting a new plan. Mr. Brown emphasized the necessity for all stakeholders in the Village to become involved in the process.

Chairman Thomas agreed with Mr. Brown's assessment. Ms. Thomas echoed the need for the public to have significant involvement in the creation of the potential plan.

7. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Lerman commented on the potential building of a new water plant on land donated to the Park District by the previous owners of 50 Beach Road. Mr. Lerman distributed copies of minutes from a May 28, 1967 special meeting of the Park Board that mentioned covenants pertaining to the future use of the donated property.

Mr. Lerman also noted that the Park Board would be working with its own consultant to initiate an updated master plan for parks and facilities in 2014.

8. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING OF THE PLAN COMMISSION

The next meeting of the Plan Commission was scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 29, 2014.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nathan Parch
Planning & Development Administrator

William Peregrine
Plan Commission Fellow