



**GLENCOE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**  
**MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2011 MEETING MINUTES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

The October 17, 2011 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, Tom Scheckelhoff, Diane Schwarzbach, and Peter Van Vechten

*The following members were absent:*

Rod Winn

*The following staff was present:*

Nathan Parch, Community Development Analyst

**2. CONSIDER THE SEPTEMBER 6, 2011 MEETING MINUTES**

The minutes of the September 6, 2011 Historic Preservation Commission meeting were approved.

**3. NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND VISITORS**

None

**4. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER LANDMARK DESIGNATION OF 350 SUNRISE CIRCLE**

The Historic Preservation Commission conducted a public hearing for an application submitted by Leo and Betty Melamed requesting Landmark Designation of their home located at 350 Sunrise Circle. Staff informed the Commission that no public comments were received.

Commissioners reviewed the criteria for designation and determined that the home met the following:

- The home has significant character, interest, or value as part of the historic, cultural, aesthetic, or architectural characteristics of the Village, the State of Illinois, or the United States;

- The home is closely identified with a historic person or persons (*built for Barry Crown*);
- The home involves the notable efforts of a master builder, designer, architect, architectural firm, or artists (*architect Edward Dart*);
- The home represents certain distinguishing characteristics of architecture inherently valuable for the study of a time period, type of property, method of construction, or use of indigenous materials that embody elements of design, detail, material, or craftsmanship of exceptional quality;
- The home has undergone minimal or no alteration since its original construction;
- The home is an exceptional example of an historic or vernacular style (*Modern style*);
- The home is one of the few such remaining properties of its kind in the Village (*Only three known Edward Dart-designed homes in the Village – 687 Birch Road, 35 Estate Drive, & 350 Sunrise Circle*); and
- The home has a strong association with the life of a person, group, or is associated with an organization or group, whether formal or informal, from which persons have significantly contributed to or participated in the historic or cultural events of the United States, the State of Illinois, or the Village (*Barry Crown & Edward Dart*).

It was moved and seconded to approve a recommendation for the designation of 350 Sunrise Circle as a Glencoe landmark and to forward such recommendation to the Glencoe Village Board for consideration. Said motion was adopted by the following vote:

<b>AYE:</b>	<b>Eifler, Scheckelhoff, Schwarzbach, &amp; Van Vechten (4)</b>
<b>NAY:</b>	<b>None (0)</b>
<b>ABSENT:</b>	<b>Winn (1)</b>

5. **REVIEW HISTORY OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION AND DEVELOPMENT OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION ORDINANCE**

Former Village Trustee and former HPC Chair Ellen Shubart was in attendance to review the history of the Commission and the development of the preservation ordinance. Ellen’s comments are summarized below:

- At a Town Hall Meeting during Betsy Warren’s term as Village President, residents voiced concerns about demolition of historic/architecturally significant homes;
- Ad hoc committee appointed in response and met for one year;
- Committee studied preservation ordinances of north shore communities;
- Committee drafted and recommended to the Village Board adoption of a strong preservation ordinance;
- Village Board members Scott Feldman and Ann Hoenig rewrote ordinance, which compromised its strength. The two landmark options – designated and certified – resulted and the ordinance was adopted by the Village Board in December, 1990;

- The State of Illinois approved the ordinance with the two landmark options so owners of landmark homes could participate in the Property Tax Assessment Freeze Program;
- Following the adoption of the ordinance and formation of the Commission, members completed the following initiatives:
  - Created Architectural Guide Map and two preservation brochures;
  - Developed Commission logo and bronze plaque layout;
  - Added HPC seat on the Plan Commission;
  - Considered establishment of historic districts - Greenleaf, Ravine Bluffs, & Keck & Keck;
  - Encouraged designation and assisted homeowners with process; and
  - Partnered with the Historical Society on public awareness initiatives:
    - Wright Plus North;
    - Greenleaf Avenue Housewalk ('95) and Washington Avenue Housewalk ('96);
    - Architectural Trolley Tour ('98); and
    - Table at Fourth of July Art Fair.

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

Commissioners reviewed a demolition application for 1155 Oak Ridge Drive and decided to take no further action.

Commissioners reviewed a demolition application for 394 South Avenue and decided to take no further action.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.