



GLENCOE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2012 MEETING MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The March 6, 2012 meeting of the Glencoe Historic Preservation Commission was called to order at 7:38 p.m. in the Conference Room.

The following members were present:

Tom Scheckelhoff, Diane Schwarzbach, and Peter Van Vechten

The following members were absent:

John Eifler and Rod Winn

The following staff was present:

Nathan Parch, Community Development Analyst

2. CONSIDER THE FEBRUARY 7, 2012 MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the February 7, 2012 Historic Preservation Commission meeting were approved.

3. NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND VISITORS

Greg Turner of 205 Old Green Bay Road was in attendance and offered his assistance to the Commission as a volunteer.

4. UPDATE ON NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INITIATIVE

Glencoe Historical Society member Bob Sideman provided an update on the initiative to increase the number of National Register properties in the Village. Mr. Sideman stated he met with Scott Javore, Ed Goodale, Ellen Shubart, and Susan Benjamin on February 14th and they agreed the following should be the focus for National Register nominations:

- a) Walter S. Gurnee House ("Castle"), 750 Glencoe Drive, b. 1870
Certified Landmark March 14, 1996
- b) Joseph Daggitt House, 823 Greenleaf Avenue, b. 1875
- c) Curt Teich House, 535 Longwood Avenue, b. 1900
Designated Landmark October 21, 2004
- d) Ravine Bluffs Historic District.

Mr. Sideman stated that the current owners of the above identified properties were agreeable to listing on the National Register. Funding for the approximate \$8,500 cost per National Register nomination is needed. The possibility of adding the Glencoe train station was considered by Commissioners, but Union Pacific likely would not support it.

It was noted that the following Glencoe properties are currently listed on the National Register:

- a) James Kent Calhoun House, 740 Greenwood Avenue, added 2010
- b) William A. Glasner House, 850 Sheridan Road, added 2005
- c) John Rogerson Montgomery House, 15 Old Green Bay Road, added 2004
- d) Sylvan Road Bridge, added 1978

5. **CONSIDER 2011 HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT**

Commissioners reviewed the Annual Report for 2011 and agreed it should be forwarded to the Village Board.

6. **CONTINUE DISCUSSION OF RAVINE BLUFFS HISTORIC DISTRICT**

Commissioners continued discussion of a possible Ravine Bluffs historic district to include the Frank Lloyd Wright designed homes, entry monuments, and bridge. Commissioner Van Vechten distributed the following documents and provided an overview of each:

- Wrightscapes: Frank Lloyd Wright Landscape Designs (pgs. 143-170) by Charles and Berdeana Aguar, 2002;
- Frank Lloyd Wright Field Guide Volume 2 (pgs. 25-32) by Thomas Heinz, 1997;
- The Frank Lloyd Wright Companion (pgs. 188-194) by William Allin Storrer, 2006; and
- Photos and drawings of North Shore Electric train station courtesy of Frank Lloyd Wright Archives.

Mr. Parch stated he further reviewed the potential boundaries of the district with the Village attorney. Mr. Filippini explained that the focus of the district could highlight the significance of the subdivision design itself in addition to the Frank Lloyd Wright designed homes, entry monuments, and bridge. Because the subdivision layout/design is significant due to its association with Frank Lloyd Wright and Jens Jensen, the streets are a contributing factor and could be used as a means of connectivity for a district.

Mr. Parch verified that two of the three entry monuments are located within the street R-O-W. The third, located at the corner of Meadow and Franklin, is located within an easement.

Mr. Parch reviewed the results of his research of vacant parcels west and south of 1030 and 1056 Meadow Road and west of 277 Sylvan Road. Additional investigation is needed.

Mr. Parch stated he would initiate contact with the Park District about the park property located at the south end of the district boundary.

Commissioners discussed inviting property owners within the proposed district boundaries to an informational meeting. It was agreed that Nathan Parch would prepare a draft letter to be reviewed at the April meeting.

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

Commissioners reviewed a demolition application for 540 Lincoln Avenue and directed staff to send a letter inviting the property owner to discuss alternatives to demolition. Built in 1926 the home is one of several in the Village designed by noted architect Robert Seyfarth. The previous owner was notified of the home’s architectural significance by letter in 2006. The property is significant, but is not currently a landmark.

Commissioners reviewed a demolition application for 1165 Oak Ridge Drive and decided to take no further action.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.