



GLENCOE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 2012 MEETING MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The April 3, 2012 meeting of the Glencoe Historic Preservation Commission was called to order at 7:34 p.m. in the Conference Room.

The following members were present:

Tom Scheckelhoff, Diane Schwarzbach, Peter Van Vechten, and Rod Winn

The following members were absent:

John Eifler

The following staff was present:

Nathan Parch, Community Development Analyst

2. CONSIDER THE MARCH 6, 2012 MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the March 6, 2012 Historic Preservation Commission meeting were approved.

3. NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND VISITORS

Greg Turner of 205 Old Green Bay Road was in attendance.

Commissioners discussed the outcome of the March 15th Village Board meeting wherein their recommendation to establish 414 Washington Avenue as a designated landmark was included on the agenda as item 9. Because no Trustee offered a motion to consider the ordinance establishing landmark designation for the property, no discussion occurred and no action was taken.

The Commissioners felt strongly that the Board should have made and seconded the motion to, at a minimum, offer a forum for discussion and debate and an opportunity for members of the audience to speak on the matter. Commissioners felt that the Trustees swayed from their normal protocol of discussing an important issue and felt it was a poor reflection on Glencoe's open governance. Commissioners asked Nathan Parch to schedule President Feldman to attend a future meeting in order to further discuss their concerns.

Nathan Parch reported that he and Commissioner Eifler recently met with consultant Carla Bruni to discuss the possibility of preparing an updated historic architectural survey for

Glencoe. In advance of scheduling the meeting with Ms. Bruni, Mr. Parch noted that he reviewed with the Village Manager the need to update the Village's survey in light of the recent situation with 414 Washington. Mr. Parch noted that funds were not allocated for this type of project in the FY '13 budget, which became effective March 1st. However, once a proposal is received from Ms. Bruni it will be reviewed by the Village Manager and Village Board to determine whether funds are available this fiscal year. Mr. Parch agreed to forward a copy of Ms. Bruni's proposal to members of the Commission once received.

4. 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. Mr. Parch stated he prepared a draft letter to property owners inviting them to an informational meeting - date to be determined. Mr. Parch noted that the potential boundaries of the district should be agreed to prior to the letter being sent. Commissioner Van Vechten stated he would like to review the proposed historic district with Ted Bloch prior to scheduling a neighborhood informational meeting.

5. DISCUSS ANNUAL PRESERVATION AWARDS PROGRAM

Commissioners briefly discussed the annual preservation awards program. The Commission agreed to review photos of eligible projects to determine whether it was worthwhile to host an awards program in 2012. Mr. Parch agreed to provide the photos in advance of the May Commission meeting.

6. "INQUIRIES" AND DEMOLITION APPLICATIONS

Commissioners reviewed a March 27, 2012 inquiry from Jon Kogan regarding zoning setbacks for 1025 Forest Avenue. Commissioners also reviewed an email Mr. Parch sent in response to Mr. Kogan's inquiry. The Commission agreed the email was very thorough in explaining the architectural significance of the home as well as possible action the Commission could take should the integrity of the home be threatened.

Mr. Parch stated he received no response from the March 14th letter he sent to MLCB Inc. regarding the demolition application submitted for 540 Lincoln Avenue. Mr. Parch noted that the demolition application was applied for on February 10th and could be issued as early as April 15th, following the required 60-day waiting period. Greg Turner stated a demolition sale was recently held at the property. Commissioners were in agreement that the home was not one of Seyfarth's most significant designs and concurred not to pursue landmark designation.

7. ADJOURNMENT

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