



**GLENCOE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**  
**TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2012 MEETING MINUTES**

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

The August 7, 2012 meeting of the Glencoe Historic Preservation Commission was called to order at 7:37 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 JULY 10, 2012 MEETING MINUTES**

The minutes of the July 10, 2012 Historic Preservation Commission meeting were approved.

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

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

**4. CONSIDER LANDMARK DESIGNATION OF 599 WASHINGTON AVENUE**

Homeowner David Fording along with architect Scott Javore and architectural historian Susan Benjamin were in attendance to present background information and photographs related to the designation of 599 Washington Avenue. Mr. Fording stated that he and his wife moved to Glencoe in 2005 from New York and lived at 650 Grove Street, an 1884 farmhouse, prior to purchasing the home on Washington. Mr. Fording explained that aside from an out-of-context family room addition constructed in 1984, the home had not been updated in 30+ years.

Ms. Benjamin explained that the home was designed by architect Alfred E. Manierre and built in 1926 in the Tudor Revival style of architecture. The home was constructed of colored brick on the first floor with stucco and brown painted half timbering on the second floor and above. The front elevation is dominated by a steep gable that projects from a steeply pitched hip roof. Neighboring homes at 609, 615, 625, and 635 Washington were all designed by Manierre. Ms. Benjamin also noted that the home was known as the John R. Nicholson House named after its

first occupant who resided there until 1942. Following the Nicholsons, only four families resided in the home, with the Fordings being the fifth family to live there.

Mr. Javore briefly presented plans for a new 1 ½ story 2-car garage addition at the rear east corner of the home. The existing garage would be renovated into a family room. In addition to the garage, a new sunroom at the rear of the home and interior first floor remodeling are also planned. The design and materials of the addition would be complimentary to the original home.

Following the presentation, the Commission directed staff to place the item on next month's agenda for a public hearing.

5. **DISCUSS RESTORATION/REPAIR OF RAVINE BLUFFS ENTRY SCULPTURE LOCATED AT 205 FRANKLIN ROAD**

It was reported that several large chunks of concrete, about 20% of the bottom half of the spherical portion of the monument, fell off during the weekend of July 14 & 15, 2012. The original sculptures were constructed without adequate drainage and were not reinforced with rebar. These shortcomings combined with the effects of weathering over the years caused the planter to fall apart.

In November 2011, a proposal from Marion, Inc. of Chicago, Illinois was provided to staff from John Eifler offering a \$15,000 restoration cost for each entry sculpture. Restoration funds were not allocated in the current fiscal year budget (3/1/12 - 2/28/13) for this project, as the sculpture was not in its current state of disrepair during the budget process.

Commissioners discussed possible grant opportunities and options for private contributions to assist the Village with funding for restoration of the sculpture. Commissioners nominated John Eifler as their representative at a future meeting with staff.

6. **UPDATE ON HISTORIC ARCHITECTURAL SURVEY**

Nathan Parch reported on the status of survey work performed by consultant Carla Bruni to date:

- Compared and/or combined multiple residential surveys that have been completed in the past, including online research via the Prairie Traveler and SAIC;
- Reviewed approximately half of the existing files accessed at Village Hall to verify/correct dates of construction and remove properties found to be demolished;
- Worked with Village GIS consultant Amy Roust to create survey routes and plot points of potentially significant structures;
- Discussed ideas for interactive features on Village website that can be accessed by residents, architects, and realtors; and
- First full day of fieldwork planned for August 7<sup>th</sup>.

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

It was reported that a few informal conversations had occurred with some neighbors about the possibility of a historic district. Commissioners Eifler and Van Vechten planned to present additional information at the annual Ravine Bluffs block party in September.

8. **STANDING PROJECTS**

No report

9. **"INQUIRIES" AND DEMOLITION APPLICATIONS**

Commissioners reviewed a July 16, 2012 demolition application for 540 Washington Avenue and decided to take no further action.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.