



GLENCOE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2014 MEETING MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The November 4, 2014 meeting of the Glencoe Historic Preservation Commission was called to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Room.

The following members were present:

Chairman Tom Scheckelhoff, John Eifler, Diane Schwarzbach, and Rod Winn

The following members were absent:

Peter Van Vechten

The following staff was present:

Nathan Parch, Planning & Development Administrator

2. CONSIDER THE OCTOBER 7, 2014 MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the October 7, 2014 Historic Preservation Commission meeting were approved.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

Greg Turner and Bob Sideman were in attendance.

Commissioners welcomed Jim Jorgensen, new owner of the Benjamin E. Bensigner house located at 35 Aspen Lane. Built in 1908, the house was designed by Howard Van Doren Shaw and later remodeled by Samuel Marx in 1936. The property was for sale since May 2013 and, in addition to several price reductions, was recently advertised as land for new construction. The house is one of 10 structures in Glencoe designed by Howard Van Doren Shaw. Mr. Jorgensen stated that he planned to restore the house and to pursue landmark certification with the Village. Commissioners expressed their gratitude and offered their support to Mr. Jorgensen regarding this preservation success story.

4. REVIEW STATUS OF HISTORIC ARCHITECTURAL SURVEY LIST

Commissioners continued their discussion of the Historic Architectural Survey project, a listing of 300+ structures that includes Certified Landmarks, Honorary Landmarks, and those properties noted for their historic and architectural significance. The following items were discussed:

- A) **November 1st Walking Tour of Downtown Business District** – Commissioners discussed their walking tour of the Downtown Business District that took place at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 1st. The tour included the following buildings:

1	Village Hall 675 Village Ct & 325 Hazel Ave	10	Eklund Furniture Store & Workshop 373-375 Park Ave
2	Library 320 Park Ave	11	Glen Gables 378 Park Ave
3	Ziesing Building 700-706 Green Bay Rd, 309-319 Park Ave, & 312 Tudor Ct	12	Commercial Building 685-693 Vernon Ave
4	Glencoe State Bank 325-335 Park Ave & 328-330 Tudor	13	Wienecke’s Hardware Store 682-694 Vernon Ave
5	Commercial Building 337-343 Park Ave	14	Commercial Building 668 Vernon Ave
6	Commercial Building 338 Park Ave	15	Commercial Building 651-669 Vernon Ave
7	Commercial Building 340-344 Park Ave	16	Commercial Building 372 Hazel Ave
8	Citizens State Bank 346-356 Park Ave	17	U.S. Post Office 336 Hazel Ave
9	Commercial Building 341-353 Park Ave	18	Public Works Garage 320 Hazel Ave & 325 Temple Ct

In advance of the tour, Commissioners received copies of a tour map, background information for each building (architect, construction date, etc.), and in some cases historic news clippings provided by Bob Sideman. The list of buildings was compiled from the Heritage List (formerly “300 List”), suggested additions from Mr. Parch, and a map that highlighted significant buildings previously prepared by the Commission in 2007.

Commissioners re-reviewed images of the buildings utilizing Google Street View to determine whether each should be transferred to the Historic Architectural Survey list, and to determine the architectural style. It was agreed that the building at 668 Vernon Avenue did not warrant inclusion on the list.

- B) **Promotional Brochure** –Bob Sideman noted that as of January 1, 2015 the Commission will be entering its 25th year of service to the community. Mr. Sideman suggested that the significance of this anniversary was worthy of promoting as part of the release of the survey and any other opportunities. Mr. Parch stated that the Commission was established by ordinance in December 1990 and noted that funds were budgeted in next year’s budget for design/printing of an additional brochure that could possibly promote the anniversary in some way.
- C) **Village Website** – Mr. Parch stated that there was no update on this item.

5. **STANDING PROJECTS**

- A) **Ravine Bluffs Centennial Celebration 2015** – Greg Turner reported on the Glencoe Historical Society’s recent event held at the Library as part of its ongoing programming for the centennial celebration.

Mr. Parch noted that staff recently had a preliminary meeting with representatives of the Glencoe Historical Society regarding their renewed interest in reconstructing the Ravine Bluffs waiting station at the same location previously proposed in 2005. Mr. Parch noted that the Historical Society planned to present a preliminary proposal to the Village Board on November 20th.

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

Commissioners reviewed a demolition application for 408 Sunset Lane and decided to take no further action.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

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