

VILLAGE OF GLENCOE
PLAN COMMISSION

Regular Meeting
February 24, 2016

1. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Plan Commission of the Village of Glencoe, Cook County was called to order by Chairman Thomas in the Village Hall Conference Room at 7:05 p.m. on the 24th day of February 2016.

2. ROLL CALL

The following were present:

Caren Thomas, Chairman, Public-at-Large Representative
Barbara Miller, Vice-Chairman, Village Board Representative
Louis Goldman, Glencoe Public Library Representative
Ed Goodale, Zoning Board of Appeals Representative
Bruce Huvad, Public-at-Large Representative
Marya Morris, Public-at-Large Representative
Dudley Onderdonk, Glencoe Park District Representative
Gary Ruben, School District #35 Representative
Tom Scheckelhoff, Historic Preservation Commission Representative

The following were absent:

Harriet Resnick, Public-at-Large Representative

The following were also present:

Philip Kiraly, Village Manager
David Mau, Director of Public Works
Nathan Parch, Planning & Development Administrator
Lee Brown, Village Planner

3. RECEPTION AND PROGRAM HONORING PLAN COMMISSION ANNIVERSARY

Chairman Thomas stated recent research uncovered an important finding – that the Glencoe Plan Commission was formed on February 27, 1920 with the passage of an ordinance approved by the Board of Trustees. To commemorate this finding, which marks the Commission's 96th Anniversary, Karen Ettelson and Peter Van Vechten of the Glencoe Historical Society were in attendance to present biographical information about each of the 12 founding members of the Commission, providing details on their lives in Glencoe and beyond, as well as discussing where they lived in the community, how they arrived in Glencoe, and their other areas of interest. Following the presentation Commissioners took a brief recess (7:30-7:55 p.m.) and cake and coffee were served.

4. CONSIDER THE JANUARY 27, 2016 PLAN COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

The minutes from the January 27, 2016 Plan Commission meeting were approved.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

Chairman Thomas recognized and congratulated Commissioner Morris on her recent achievement as a Fellow of the American Institute of Certified Planners (FAICP).

6. CONTINUE DISCUSSION OF DOWNTOWN TUNEUP

In advance of the meeting Commissioners received a Discussion Draft of the Downtown Sub-Area Plan. This document incorporated months of study on the part of the Plan Commission including, collection and consideration of data, listening and understanding input and perspectives of interested members of the community, learning from outside experts, and the formulation of initial recommendations for the future. The discussion draft was also posted on the project website – <http://glencoetuneup.com> – for public review.

Village Planner Lee Brown reviewed the organization of the document. It includes an introduction followed by four sections that each highlight one of four main themes: (1) Economic Sustainability; (2) Urban Form and Community Character; (3) Infrastructure of Support; and (4) Roles for the Village. Recommended implementation steps are organized into three categories: (1) Public Spaces; (2) Private Property; and (3) Publicly-Owned Property. There is an appendix that will include supplementary information including the three white papers prepared during the planning process.

Chairman Thomas emphasized that the document is a discussion draft and is not set in stone; it is intended to stimulate discussion in the community. To that end, Chairman Thomas reported that staff is in the process of preparing a calendar for public outreach that will include a series of open houses.

At the request of Chairman Thomas, Commissioners shared their preliminary observations on the discussion draft.

It was agreed that additional comments should be forwarded to Mr. Brown in the near future so that they could be incorporated into a second draft that would be circulated to the Commission in advance of the March meeting.

7. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Goldman announced that the Glencoe Library Board recently approved the appointment of Andrew Kim as the new executive director of the Glencoe Public Library.

Commissioner Onderdonk noted that neighbourhood meetings would be held for proposed upgrades at Kalk Park and Shelton Park.

8. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING OF THE PLAN COMMISSION

The next meeting of the Plan Commission was scheduled for Wednesday, March 30, 2016. This meeting date is the fifth Wednesday of the month and was scheduled as such to avoid potential conflicts with spring break, which was the prior week.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nathan Parch
Planning & Development Administrator